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CHAMBERLAIN RE-SHUFFLES THE CABINET: IMPORTANT CHANGES

"Tony Draws A Horse"

A. D. C. MAKE FRONT PAGE NEWS

SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCE

SELECTION by the Hongkong A.D.C. of a play that would give the public "something to really laugh at" as their second offering for the 1939-40 Season has resulted in the production of what is easily the most delightful comedy seen in Hongkong for many years.

"Tony Draws a Horse" was produced with a rush. It might have been expected that the dearth of amateur talent in Hongkong would have resulted in many shortcomings in a play which requires a cast of fourteen artists. There are no less than three sets for six scenes.

Far from suffering from imperfections, "Tony Draws a Horse" makes front page news. The cast, in last night's premiere, gave flawless performances in which principals and character artists alike share the honours for brilliant work.

Dialogues by Lesley Storm is scintillating, and all you are asked to forgive is the obvious fact that the author was enamoured with the use of that G. B. Shaw's "Pygmalion."

Shellah Mackinlay, as the bored wife—marriage, of course, off major bouquets with the most brilliant piece of acting of her career on the Hongkong amateur stage. She is ably seconded by Sunny Hole who, as the elderly Mrs. Parsons, is exquisite.

Claude Burgess (as Tim Shields) and J. Roberts (as a delightful Grandpa who is responsible for many of Tony's shortcomings) play difficult roles with perfection.

Andrew Mackinlay (Dr. Howard Fleming), Beryl Fair (Miss Parsons) and James Whitlam (Alfred Parsons) are overshadowed by the generosity of the author in awarding his lines to the four players already mentioned, but play somewhat thankless roles without imperfection.

All the character studies are excellent. Auguste Hoffmeister, as the agitator with the unpronounceable name, J. M. X. Chollot, as the waiter, San Pringle, as Mrs. Smith and Olive Green as Grace deserve special mention.

Apart from the fact that the B.W.O.P. benefits materially from the profits accruing from "Tony Draws a Horse," the A.D.C.'s new production, which will be at the China Fleet Club Theatre, nightly for the remainder of this week, is worthy of the patronage of even the most critical Hongkong theatre-goer.

The original production at the Criterion Theatre in London (still running) could not produce a happier reaction in an audience.

The full cast in Hongkong is:
Mrs. Smith.....San Pringle,
Tim Shields.....Claude Burgess,
Claire Fleming.....Shellah Mackinlay,
Dr. Howard Fleming.....Andrew Mackinlay,
Grace.....Olive Green,
Grandpa.....J. Roberts,
Miss Parsons.....Beryl Fair,
Mrs. Parsons.....Sunny Hole,
Alfred Parsons.....James Whitlam,
Agnes.....Anne Doolittle,
Fechenayne.....Auguste Hoffmeister,
Waiter.....J. M. X. Chollot,
A Customer.....Gordon Gilmore,
Miss Burchall.....Margaret Chubb.

LONDON, APR. 3 (REUTER).—THE FOLLOWING CABINET CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED:

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, who was Air Minister, becomes Lord Privy Seal; SIR SAMUEL HOARE, who was Lord Privy Seal, becomes Air Minister; MAJOR G. C. TRYON, who was Postmaster General, becomes Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; MR. HERWALD RAMSBOTHAM, who was First Commissioner of Works, becomes President of the Board of Education; LORD WOOLTON, who was formerly in the Ministry of Supply, becomes Minister of Food; MR. MORRISON IS P.M.G.

MR. R. S. HUDSON, who was Secretary of Overseas Trade, becomes Minister of Shipping vice Sir John Gilmour, who died some days ago; MR. W. S. MORRISON, who was Minister of Food, becomes Postmaster General;

MR. G. H. SHAKESPEARE, who was Parliamentary and Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, becomes Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade;

SIR VICTOR WARRENDER, who was Financial Secretary to the War Office, becomes Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty; SIR EDWARD GRIGG is appointed Financial Secretary to the War Office.

LORD CHATFIELD RESIGNS

ADMIRAL LORD CHATFIELD, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, has resigned.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL remains First Lord of the Admiralty, but presides over a committee of Service Ministers which meets regularly with the three Chiefs of Staff as advisers to keep under constant review, on behalf of the War Cabinet, the main factors in the strategical situation, progress of operations and to make recommendations from time to time to the War Cabinet regarding the general conduct of the war.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

An official statement from the Prime Minister's residence states that the fact that certain Ministers are accepting less important offices is no reflection on the way they had conducted the business of their departments, but is solely due to the over-riding necessity of making the best use of every Minister's services.

Mr. Chamberlain's object is to secure full co-ordination of the work of the departments which have related functions, and to keep the War Cabinet informed of all questions of major importance.

Lord Chatfield will not be replaced as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence.

The Minister of Supply will be added to Mr. Churchill's Defence Committee.

Chatfield's Resignation Lord Chatfield in his letter of resignation stated that although a Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence is necessary in peace, his responsibilities in war are greatly increased by the establishment of a War Cabinet, especially as his power to co-ordinate and make decisions must pass automatically into the Prime Minister's hands. He, therefore, placed his office entirely at the Premier's disposal.

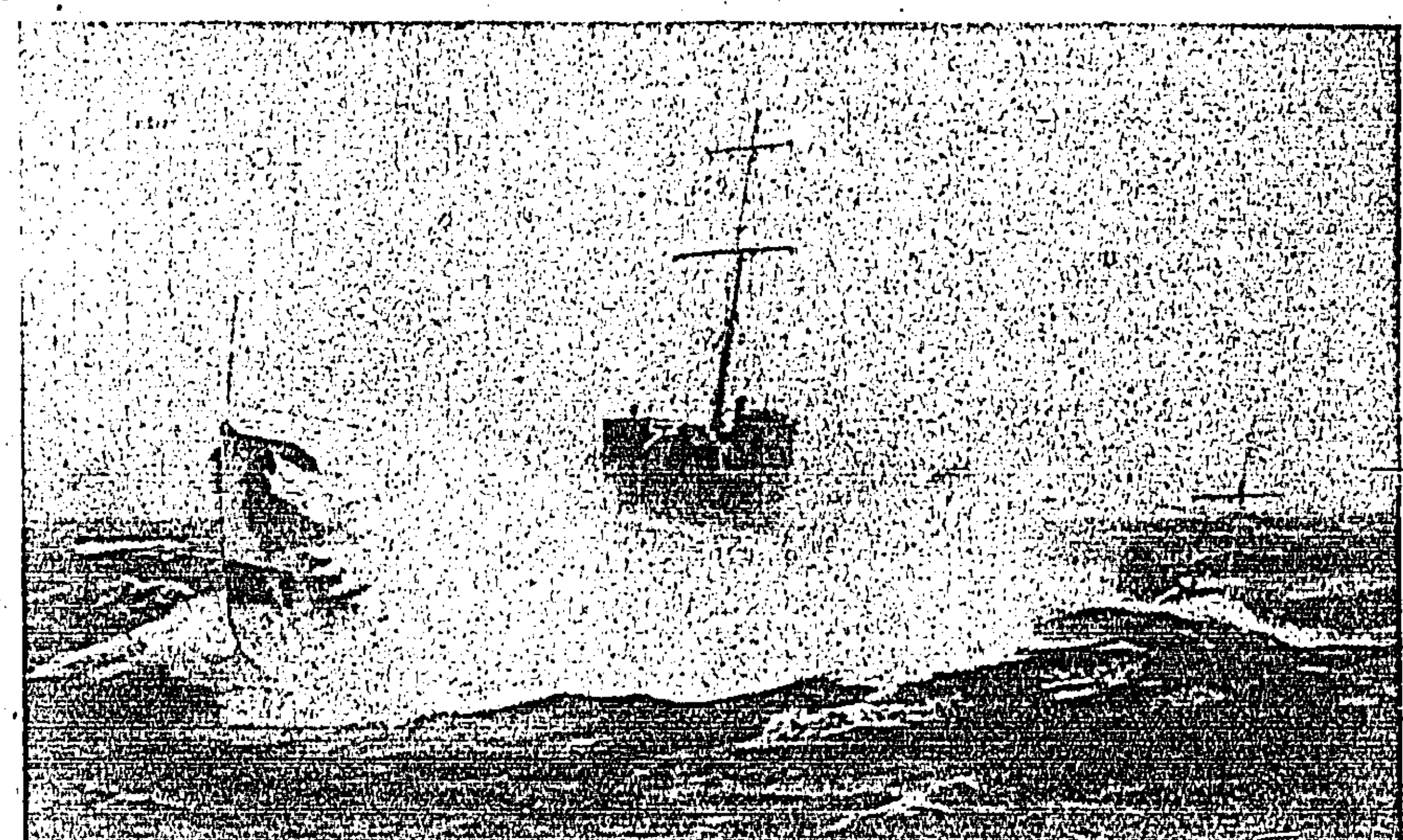
Mr. Chamberlain replied that when he appointed Lord Chatfield, he felt that in the conditions which he then expected to prevail, Lord Chatfield's long sea experience would be invaluable. In fact conditions have proved very different from his anticipations. Nevertheless, the Premier expresses gratitude for Lord Chatfield's counsel and wise and skilful handling of all matters which had been of utmost assistance.

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "I am not contemplating changes which I believe will prove valuable in prosecuting the war, but which will somewhat reduce the functions with which you have been particularly associated."

He expressed the hope that it may be possible to find other means of "making your great abilities available for the benefit of the country in winning the war."

War Cabinet Reduced The War Cabinet is now reduced from nine to eight members. The purpose of these changes is to make alterations in the relations between the members of the War Cabinet and the Ministers who are not in the Cabinet but who are in charge of departments and thus secure the full co-ordination of important departments. Such co-operation was particularly apparent in Mr. Churchill's Committee which is in effect a strategy and PLEASE Turn To Page 7.

CEASELESS VIGIL IN THE NORTH SEA



BRITISH WARSHIPS are steadily drawing the cordon tighter around Hitler's neck as the blockade of Germany becomes intensified. This dramatic photograph of H.M.S. Sturdy, just released by the British censors, shows H.M.S. Sturdy in heavy seas on patrol somewhere off the United Kingdom. — British Official Photograph.

FURTHER RAIDS BY NAZI PLANES

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communique states that enemy aircraft attacked a convoy this afternoon and dropped 15 bombs without hitting any ship or doing any damage.

The aircraft were driven off by the fire of escorting warships. One Heinkel attacked another convoy but was driven off by a Fleet Air Arm aircraft.

Pilot Rescued The first British plane to be shot down in coastal defence since the beginning of the war occurred when a Spitfire fighter was shot down by a German aircraft 12 miles off the Yorkshire coast today.

The pilot was rescued by a warship. Five Nazis Rescued Five German airmen, two of whom were injured, were landed at a Yorkshire harbour by drifter today.

It is understood that their machine was shot down by a British plane and the crew were picked up by the drifter which had found its only Lewis gun in the combat.

A Heinkel flew over the Shetland area today. English fighters went up.

Another German aircraft was engaged and shot down by an R.A.F. fighter off the north-east coast shortly before 1 p.m.

Unpleasant Surprise LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—German convoy raiders received an unpleasant surprise a few days ago when merchant ships retaliated with a heavy barrage of fire from an experimental weapon, which was being tested practically for the first time. The result was very encouraging.

No Recognition For Wang

British Attitude Is Clearly Stated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"—LONDON, April 3 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reaffirmed that Britain will not recognise the Wang Ching-wei regime.

He stressed that British policy will be to continue in accordance with the Nine Power Treaty and "to keep in step with the United States and French governments."

"However, the Government sees no objection to improving relations with Japan," he added.

NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—It is officially announced from Buckingham Palace that His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General of Canada in succession to Lord Tweedsmuir, who died last February while still in office.

Personal A.D.C. to the King since 1936; Governor of Windsor Castle since 1931, Chancellor of London University since 1932, the Earl of Athlone was Governor-General of the Union of South Africa from 1923 to 1931. He is the husband of Princess Alice of Albany. He will be 66 on April 14.

Italy To Control Her Foodstuffs

ROME, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Italy has decided to establish control over the storage and distribution of foodstuffs for the civilian population.

Armed forces are to watch over the food industries in the event of war. Heavy fines and imprisonment can be imposed for attempts to hoard food.

British Policy In China Is Defined COMMONS CRITICISES CRAIGIE'S SPEECH

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Noel Baker, Labour M.P., asked the Government in the House of Commons to-day whether the terms of Sir Robert Craigie's speech made in Tokyo on March 28 indicated any change in the Government's Far Eastern policy.

He also asked whether it was intended to fulfil in letter and spirit the policy of support of the National Government of China under Chiang Kai-shek.

In replying, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that Lord Halifax had given attention to the speech in question. "It is not customary on such occasions for His Majesty's representatives to submit the text of their speeches in advance," he said, "but the Foreign Secretary is quite ready to accept any responsibility for what was said."

No Suggestion Of Change "Meanwhile I have been authorised by the Ambassador to say that he had no intention of suggesting that the British policy had undergone any change or that it had in any way diverged from what has been repeatedly explained to the House."

"It follows from this that there is no question of His Majesty's Government changing their view as to what they will continue to regard as the legitimate government of China."

"Nor is there any question of a departure from the general attitude which they have adopted towards the Far Eastern question or any modification in their desire to see a settlement."

LATEST

AXE MURDER ARREST

Detective Sub-Inspector Darkin early this morning arrested Lo Kau, aged 26, in connection with the murder at Blue Pool Road, Wongnei-chong yesterday, when an earth coiler was attacked by a man with a large axe.

The victim, Chan Ming, aged 40, was attacked while working on a building site just off the Blue Pool Road. His head was split open. The man died on his way to hospital.

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G. P. O.
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The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 8th April, to Thursday, 11th, 1940, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAIRRAK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

Adelaide Gets Water Colour From Aborigine

ADELAIDE, South Australia.—The Adelaide National Art Gallery has purchased a water colour from the brush of an Australian aborigine, Albert Namatjira, thereby offering an exhibit almost unique in the world of art. The gallery paid £8 for the picture, which was elected by an expert committee from a collection on view in the Associated Arts Gallery. The latter exhibition had been visited by large crowds of interested spectators.

Dr. Charles Duguid, who is one of the promoters of the Ernabella Mission Station in the interior, explained that Namatjira had never held a brush in his hand until three years ago when he came under the notice of Rex Battelby, an Australian artist. He had used "first kangaroo teeth and then hot fencing wire for the expression of his ideas. The picture bought by the National Gallery is entitled "Illun Baura," the native name for Haart's Bluff, a prominent feature of the country where Namatjira has lived for many years.

Pool Our Empires' Says Bevin

MR. ERNEST BEVIN, general secretary of the Transport Workers' Union, wants even closer association between the British and French Empires.

Speaking in Bristol, he said that Britain and France had begun to pool their Empires for war purposes.

"It has got to be done for the purposes of peace. I strongly urge that there shall be what is virtually a Customs union between the great French Empire and the British Empire," he added.

There would be a chance to line up the world on the basis of Mr. Cordell Hull's American policy and

Butterfly Mark on Arm was Gang Membership Sign

COLCHESTER.

TO signify their membership of "the Butterfly Gang," seven boys, one aged 16, another 12, and the rest 14, had butterfly marks on their forearms.

The seven were brought before Colchester Juvenile Court on larceny charges.

In all, 13 charges were preferred against various members of the gang.

When one boy exhibited his butterfly mark to the magistrate, his mother burst into tears.

A police report stated that the oldest boy was the leader of the gang and instigator of many of the offences.

He informed the other boys of the plans and subsequently took his choice of the spoils, leaving the rest

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS
of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rental	Upset Price
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ease the situation with the United States.

The Empires of Belgium and Holland could be brought within the same fiscal orbit.

The Scandinavian countries could make their choice and have a proper chance of survival, independent of Central Europe.

It would bring Italy the opportunity to merge her Empire as well.

Pride Of A City Is At Stake LAUGHTON WON'T BE DR. JOHNSON

By STUART FLETCHER

THE fight is on. Literature, the film industry, and the pride of a city are involved. It started this way:

Radio Pictures had an idea of making a film about Dr. Samuel Johnson, famous son of the City of Lichfield (which, incidentally, he deserted for Fleet Street).

ALLIES FOR LIFE

By BERNARD GRAY

France.
SERGEANT Gordon Stanley, of Coventry, gave his answer to Dr. Goebbels to-day.

He walked proudly out of the mayor's office in a little French village behind the British Expeditionary Force lines with a French girl on his arm—his bride.

Only three nights ago, Dr. Goebbels's propaganda department reported that Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, had stopped the "increasing folly" of British soldiers marrying French girls and had said it was "prejudicial to the English race."

Sergeant Stanley downed the lie. He was married by the mayor in the presence of some of his own officers. I was the only newspaper man present at this first wedding between a British soldier and a French girl. The bride in the one previous British Expeditionary Force wedding was a Polish refugee.

The village street was packed with British troops, R.A.F. men, and French peasants as the marriage procession walked slowly from the bride's home—a cafe—to the Mayor or mayor's office.

Party for Troops

With my present of six pairs of silk stockings for the bride tucked under my arm, I followed the procession into the simple white-washed office of the mayor.

Behind the officers came a crowd of soldiers and airmen in uniform. Bride and bridegroom, sitting down to be married, heard the mayor recite the formula of the French civil marriage ceremony.

"The husband is the head of the family," directed the mayor, reading the provisions of the French Civil Marriage Act.

"He must give aid and fidelity to his wife, providing her with a home and livelihood according to his capacity."

When husband and wife had agreed to take on another in these capacities, the mayor handed the bridegroom the "Livret de Famille," or family book to be kept by the couple.

And afterwards the bride's mother gave a party to British troops and French peasants.

He Made a Peace Pact with a German

A YOUNG Englishman made a peace pact with a young German friend. They met in March last year in Surrey and became close friends.

Realising the growing gulf between their two countries, they resolved, come what may, never to take up arms against each other.

The young Englishman, Albert Armstrong, of Coleford, Glos., told the Bristol Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal: "No Government decree can make us enemies."

He added: "We resolved to do everything in our power to foster good relations between our nations and promised each other never to take up arms or take part in any way in the criminal struggle between our countries."

Lost His Job

Since then, Armstrong said, his feelings had not changed. The promise stood as at least one non-aggression pact between Germany and England. He had lost his job because of his views.

Appealing to the tribunal to grant him exemption, Armstrong commented: "I feel, once I am in the Army, I am breaking my word."

Judge Wethered, the chairman, stated: "We are satisfied that his views are genuine and sincere and go back some five years. Whether we agree with them is immaterial."

Armstrong was registered on condition he continues to work as a chemist or dispenser.

Ten years ago Charles Welch, of King's Close, Crayford, Kent, made a vow to his father that he would never join any of the fighting services. Now Welch works at an arms factory.

When he applied for exemption from military service as a conscientious objector at the South-Eastern Tribunal recently, his application was refused, the chairman observing:

But when it was suggested that Charles Laughton should play the part of the plain-spoken doctor he refused.

"Johnson?" said Laughton. "As far as I can discover, he never did anything but sit on his fat rump and make cruel remarks about other people."

Rude to Boswell—
"I don't suppose," was the retort by Mr. P. Laithwaite, secretary of the Dr. Johnson Fraternity, "that Johnson's rump was any fatter than Laughton's."

"He was only really rude to people, like Boswell, who used to irritate him by asking perfectly absurd questions."

"Anyway I don't think you could make a film about Dr. Johnson. There was," said Mr. Laithwaite scathingly, "no dramatic love interest in his life."

Mr. Phil Hyams, a leading film exhibitor, took Charles Laughton's side.

City is Shocked
"I wouldn't say Dr. Johnson was despicable," said Mr. Hyams, "but do you think the British public has any interest in the man? I wouldn't back a film about Johnson, and I don't blame Laughton for turning it down."

Lichfield—or that part of it which the correspondent was able to question—was shocked by Laughton's attack on "the brightest literary ornament of the 18th century."

One citizen recalled that Macaulay, Tennyson, Disraeli, Thackeray, and Dickens all regarded Johnson as someone rather extra-special.

Another said: "Perhaps the real reason is that Mr. Laughton feels that his talents are inadequate to enable him to impersonate such a very great man as Dr. Johnson!"

Your turn, Mr. Laughton!

400 GERMANS AWAIT 'CRUISE'

FOUR hundred more Germans living in East Africa are waiting for a British luxury liner to take them to Genoa, Italy, on the first stage of their journey home.

Like the 100 Germans who travelled in the Union-Castle motorship Durban Castle (17,000 tons), they will enjoy every comfort.

There will be the same allowance of £5 a head for beer and cigarettes during the voyage. This alone will cost the British Government £2,000.

The Germans are being sent home at the expense of maintaining them as internees. Every care is being taken to see that no one is released who could be of any military value.

Technicians, ex-officers, and men likely to make good soldiers remain interned.

Mr. Green, I presume?

SHEFFIELD.
THOMAS GREEN, twenty-year-old soldier, of Pembroke, Ontario, in England with the Canadian forces, knew he had an uncle called Frank Green living in Sheffield.

When he got a short leave he decided to visit his uncle.

There are more than half a million people in Sheffield, more than 500 of them called Green.

So Green the soldier, who had no address to go to, became Green the detective.

He consulted directories, got addresses of Greens all over Sheffield, visited almost every suburb, called at a church and steel works for information.

Twelve times he knocked at the wrong door.

The thirteenth house at which he called, in Wisewood-road, Sheffield, was his uncle's home.

"You obviously cannot conscientiously object to war since you are helping to make guns."

HOBBIES MAKE THE SOLDIER

Finding The Regiment To Suit The Man

MEN in the early twenties, called up for medical tests and interviews are no longer allowed to state their preference for a particular regiment, or even a particular branch, of the Army.

Recruiting officers have been told that they should concentrate on finding out what men are most fitted for, instead of allowing them to choose themselves.

The only exceptions are in the case of those with "family claims" who want to join branches of the Service in which their fathers, or brothers have served.

Now Policy

The change in War Office policy is due to the large number of men applied for enlistment in branches of the Army for which they had no qualifications.

Men, going up for interviews recently have been surprised when asked if they have any hobbies.

The reason for this is that men whose occupations are of no special use to the Army, may have private interests which can be adapted to military needs.

Useful Jobs

The War Office is particularly eager to find wireless operators, mechanics and men with engineering ability. Carpentry is another useful ability.

The Royal Corps of Signals, the Royal Army Ordnance Corps, and the Royal Engineers can use men with these hobbies.

The demand for drivers in the mechanised Army still exceeds the supply.

Commander Hero Of Forth Raid Leaves £1,203

COMMANDER RICHARD FRANK JOLLY, R.N., commander of H.M.S. Mohawk, who died of wounds received in the first German air raid on the Forth, has left £1,203.

Commander Jolly, whose home was at Boughton, Monchelsea, Kent, was, after his death, awarded the O.B.E. Medal.

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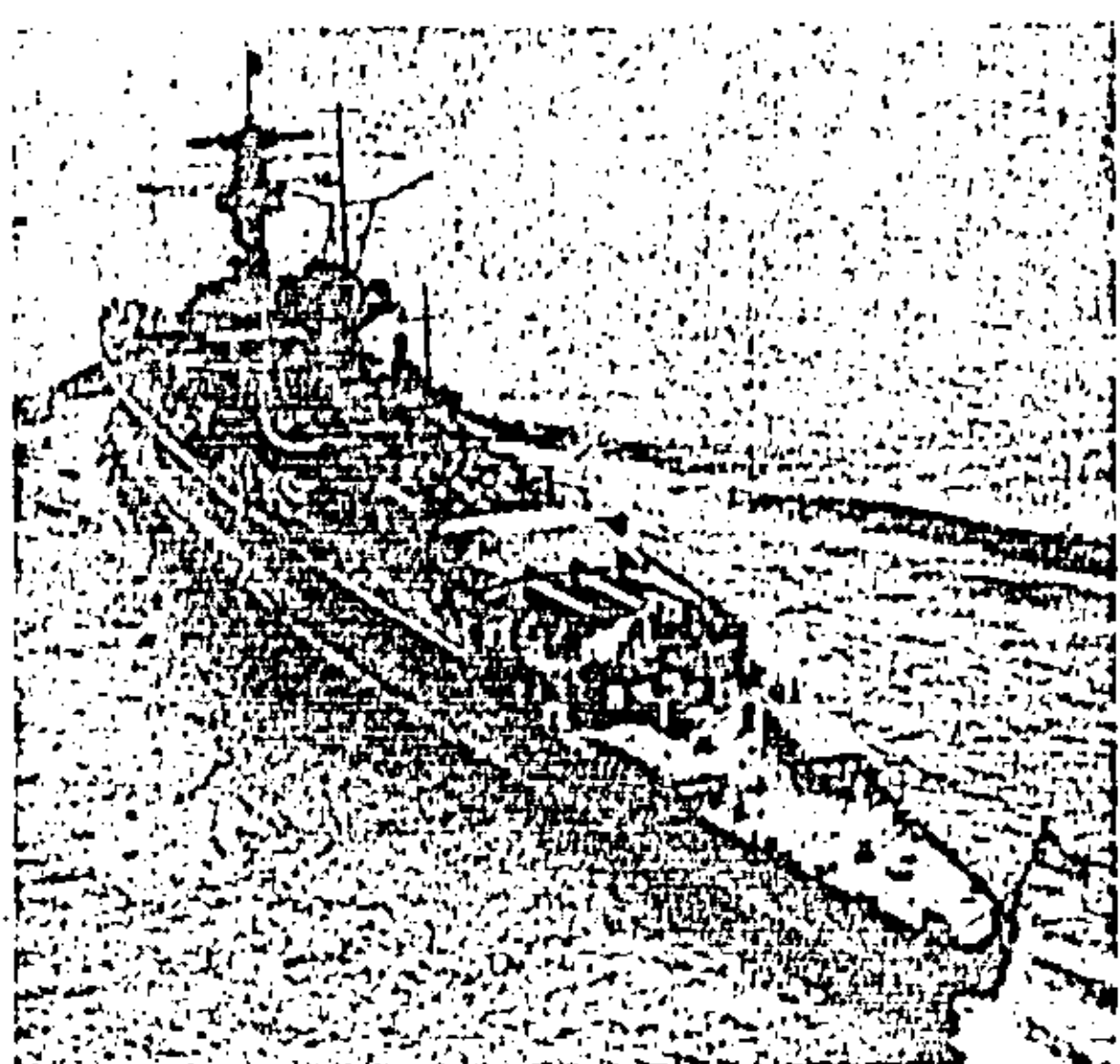
MAGAZINE PAGE

I was on the DEUTSCHLAND

I AM one of the very few "foreigners" who have ever been shown over the pride of the Nazi Navy—the 10,000 ton pocket-battleship, Deutschland.

I arrived at the top of the gangway to the accompaniment of the normal ostentatious Teutonic heel-clicking, to be met by my host—a typical young Prussian.

The Deutschland's quarter-deck was much the same as most warships, but somewhat restricted in area owing to the presence of two sets of quadruple torpedo-tubes on it, and dominated by the three eleven-inch guns of the after turret, whose name was Hindenburg (each gun turret in German ships has a name of its own).



As I climbed the ladder from the quarter-deck to the upper deck, I was able to observe closely the armoured and advantages of life in the New Germany.

However, they had most excellent Hock in the Wardroom—doubtless the work of Herr von Ribbentrop, who had not yet risen to the shabby heights of the Nazi hierarchy—and a piano well played by one of the officers.

Forward of the Wardroom were two narrow corridors leading forward, looking exactly like those long corridors in liners, enlivened by a few colour, wall, fit, with the officers' cabins opening through polished mahogany doors on the outboard side and bath-rooms, store-rooms, etc., on the inboard side.

At the end of the corridor was a watertight door, leading to the fore-part of the ship.

THE "Fähnrichsmesse" (Junior Officers' Mess) was the next place in our itinerary.

It was not even comparable to a British Gunroom—its nearest equivalent—being very uncomfortable and much too small for its twenty inmates.

The German "Fähnrich" has no real equivalent in the British Navy, as, although, he is ranked with a Midshipman, he is considerably older and much more fully trained, and is also able to specialise in Gunnery, Torpedoes, Navigation, or Engineering at this comparatively early stage, before he is promoted to "Unterleutnant"—Sub-Lieutenant.

The pros and cons of the wisdom of this method raise far too many highly specialised and controversial questions to be discussed here.

The "Fähnrichsmesse" is, however, only the Fähnrich's living and study space, he messes with the other officers in the Wardroom, which is very large and luxurious in the Deutschland, panelled in light oak, light, lofty, and stretching almost the full width of the ship.

On entering it must be greeted with the customary Nazi salutation, but the Quarter-deck—saluted by seamen through the ages—is apparently not entitled to recognition by the Nazis.

The inevitable picture of the Führer—actually smiling—hung in the Wardroom, but here it had competition in the shape of another picture, that of Hindenburg.

But even in 1936 the German Navy was definitely the Nazi Navy, although the officers tactfully refrained from talking politics or indulging in that obnoxious Nazi habit of thrusting down the throat of the victim tales of the wisdom and

THROUGH this door we continued our way forward, passing the engine-room doors—"verboten" to me—to the crew's mess-decks.

These were much the same as our own, except that the wooden mess tables and benches were stowed overhead when not in use, leaving a large and apparently pointless empty space.

This space was very clean, well-scrubbed floors, the walls enamelled a blue off-white, and plenty of scuttles for light and air. Painted on the bulk-heads—only about thirty feet apart, even above the waterline—was the name of the compartment and, in compartments below, the waterline there were also blueprints on boards showing the plan, cross-section and elevation of the ship at that point, and full details of the pumping, flooding and draining arrangements.

Hammocks, made of dark red canvas, were neatly lashed up and stowed in bins where convenient.

Forward of the mess-decks was the "canteen." This was an elaborate affair looking very like any small German "Bierstube," with small marble-topped tables and light wooden chairs.

Forward again of this Bierstube was the Petty Officers' Mess, also a very fine large place, and conveniently situated. The greater part of the crew of the Nazi Navy come from Bavaria oddly enough (hence the importance of the Bierstube), but the majority of the officers are Prussians.

WE now went up to the Navigating bridge, which was a very spacious semi-circular and totally enclosed space, with large square ports all round.

Inside it was a small armoured conning tower, again "verboten." Above this, by contrast, the Signal bridge seemed inadequately small, and above the "verboten" conning tower was a small armoured position ramoured to contain secret instruments.

Here my Prussian Gunnery officer guide got into his stride for the first time.

He was enthusiastically endeavouring to explain this scientific marvel to me in broken English and German mixed, when one of his more discreet comrades-in-arms pointed out that this was also "verboten," and I was hustled out.

This was a pity because, given time, this loquacious and boastful Prussian would have told me quite a lot about the five complicated looking instruments in there, which happened to be his action station.

The impression I received of the ship was on the whole good, but apart from the fact that so much had been contained in so light a tonnage (10,000), which is more an engineering achievement than a fighting quality, I do not think that either she or her two sisters, Admiral Graf Spee and Admiral Scheer—constitute a grave menace to our Navy.

A. H. FORBES

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



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THE CAMERAMAN

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For example, a picture of Johnny pouting over his spinach, or trying to puzzle out an especially hard problem in arithmetic.

Try to make your picture truthful to the character.

Sometimes the face alone is sufficient for the picture. In other cases, you may want to show the subject in his or her normal setting.

For example, a sweet-faced grandmother in her favourite chair by the window, busy with her sewing basket.

These accessories, the basket and chair, would help explain the subject. They would also add truth and natural quality to the picture.

When the face only is shown, a plain background is best. With most cameras, you will have to include more than the subject's head. However, when an enlargement is made, everything except the head can be masked out. The picture above was enlarged in that manner—the original negative included the subject from the waist up.

CHARACTER pictures can be taken indoors or out.

It's fun to take them indoors with photo lights, for then you can try different lighting effects, and choose the one that brings out the subject's character to best advantage.

It's also fun to create characters for pictures, by means of costume and make-up.

Dig down into the family trunks or storage boxes, and find some old-fashioned dresses or outmoded suits. Have members of the family dress up in these, and pose for a series of "old family album" pictures.

Also, try creating characters—such as a pirate, or an old-time scissor grinder.

This isn't difficult, for with a little cleverness, you can improvise various costumes easily, just from materials you find around the house.

Making character studies will develop your skill as a photographer—and it's a type of picture-taking you should know. Try it—you'll have plenty of fun!



Character studies make interesting, truthful pictures—well worth having in your snapshot collection.

SCIENCE

DEATH FASTER THAN LIGHTNING

NOT even the creators of "Buck Rogers", of comic-strip fame, ever envisioned a death ray that would kill as rapidly as a lethal radiation recently produced by Dr. H. C. Rentschler and Milton Hoyt at the Westinghouse Lamp Division research laboratories in Bloomfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.

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Produced by a variant of the now familiar Sterilamp, the radiations are being used experimentally to determine the ultraviolet sensitivity of various types of bacteria and other microorganisms to short exposures.

A MINATURE pool, formed by cementing a brass ring on a microscope is filled with a few drops of liquid organic culture.

By means of a microscope and a projector, images of the organism are then projected on a screen at a magnification of about 200 diameters. Bent around and slightly above the pool of culture is a short Sterilamp,

connected to a source of direct current through a spark gap with spherical electrodes. Connected across the direct-current line is a bank of capacitors, which store up electricity until the breakdown voltage of the spark gap is reached. At that instant all of the energy stored in the capacitors is discharged through the Sterilamp and causes it to emit powerful ultraviolet radiations.

The reaction on an observer is startling: Hairy-looking, ovate paramela dart aimlessly hither and thither about the illuminated screen. One becomes fascinated by their senseless scampering. Then a sharp crackle as the spark gap flashes, and there is no more movement. The organisms do not slow down gradually; they stop instantly, most of them partly exploded by the intensity of the death ray.

WHAT practical application such a device is likely to have is anybody's guess.

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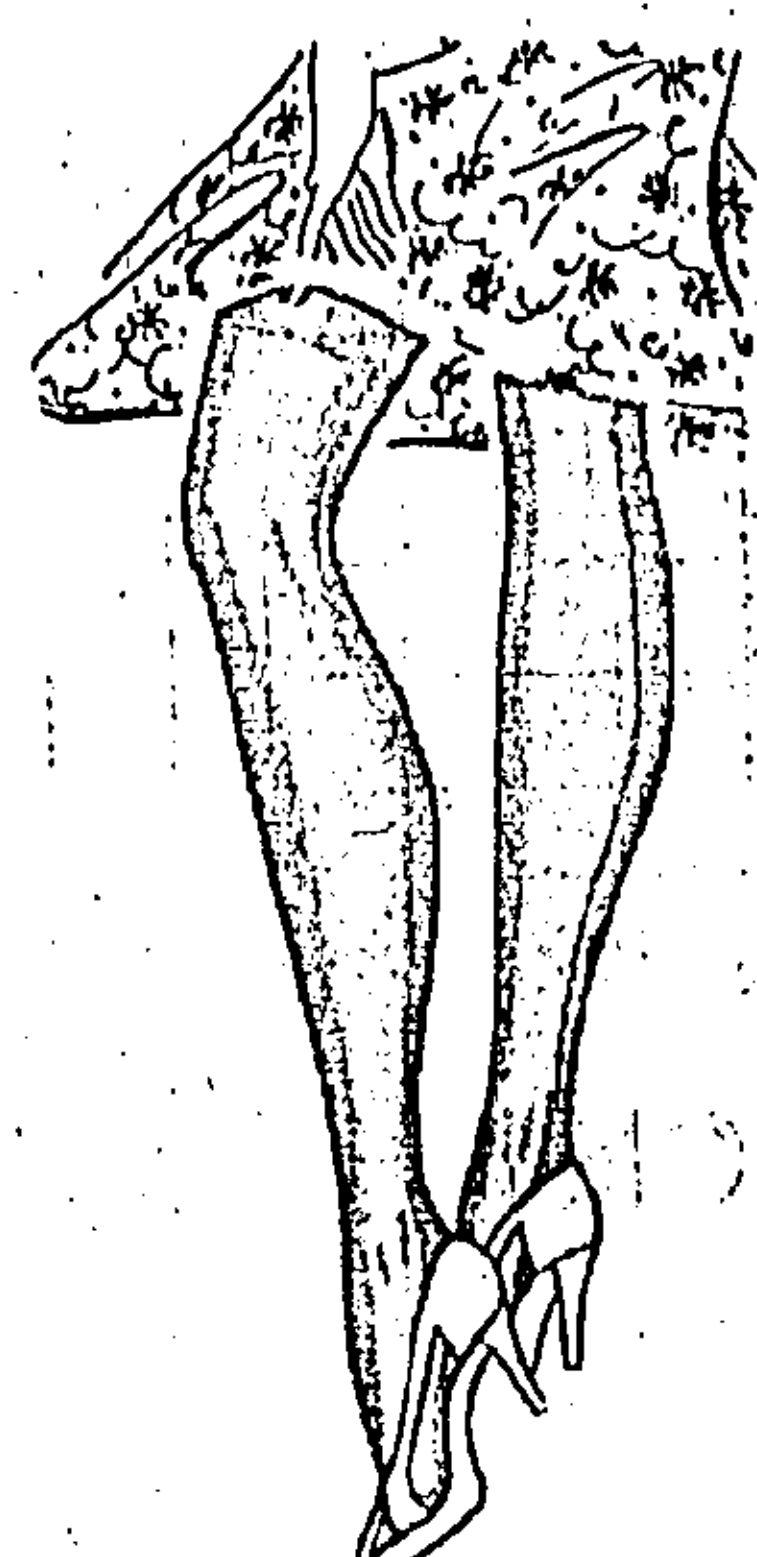
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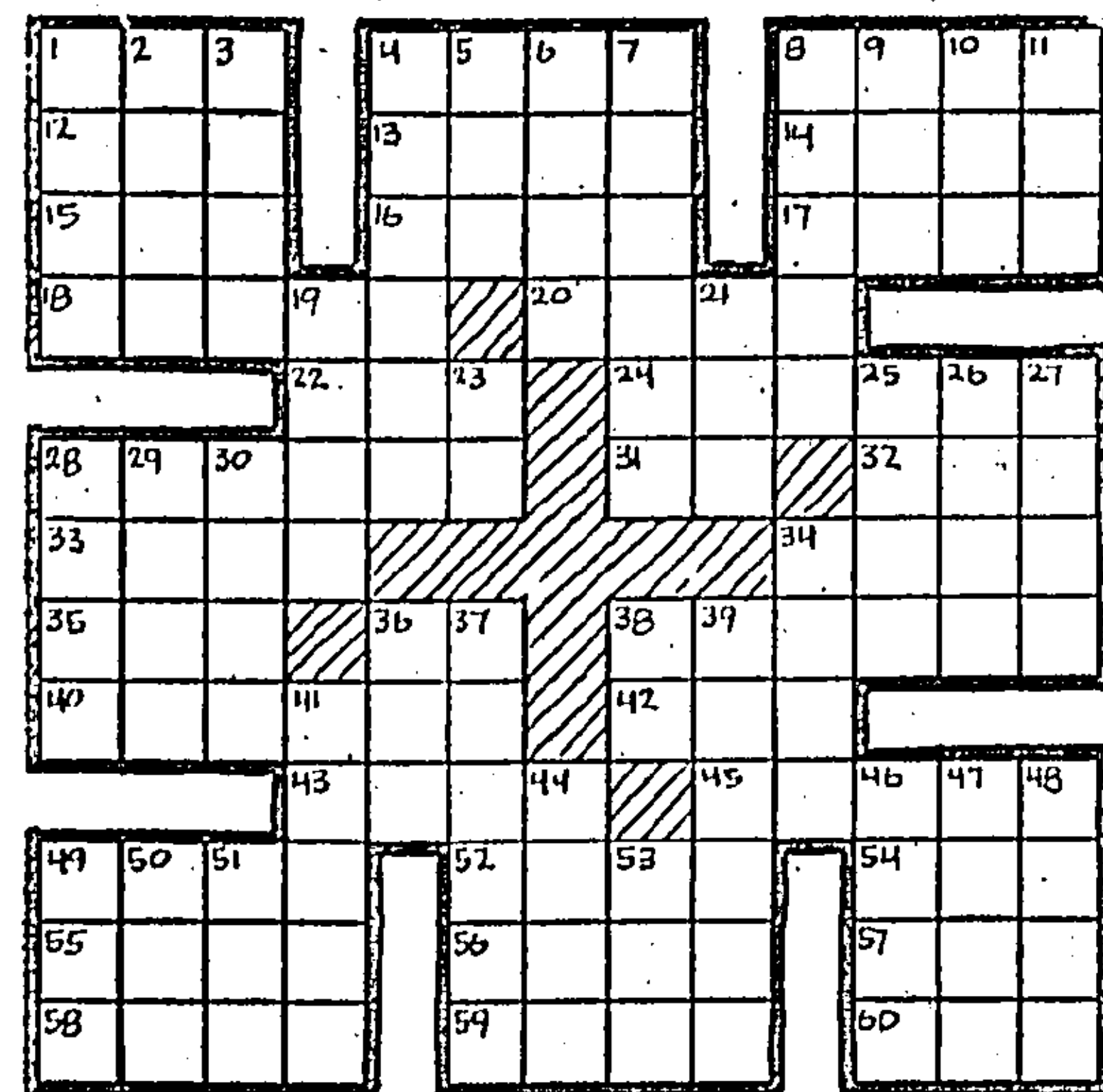
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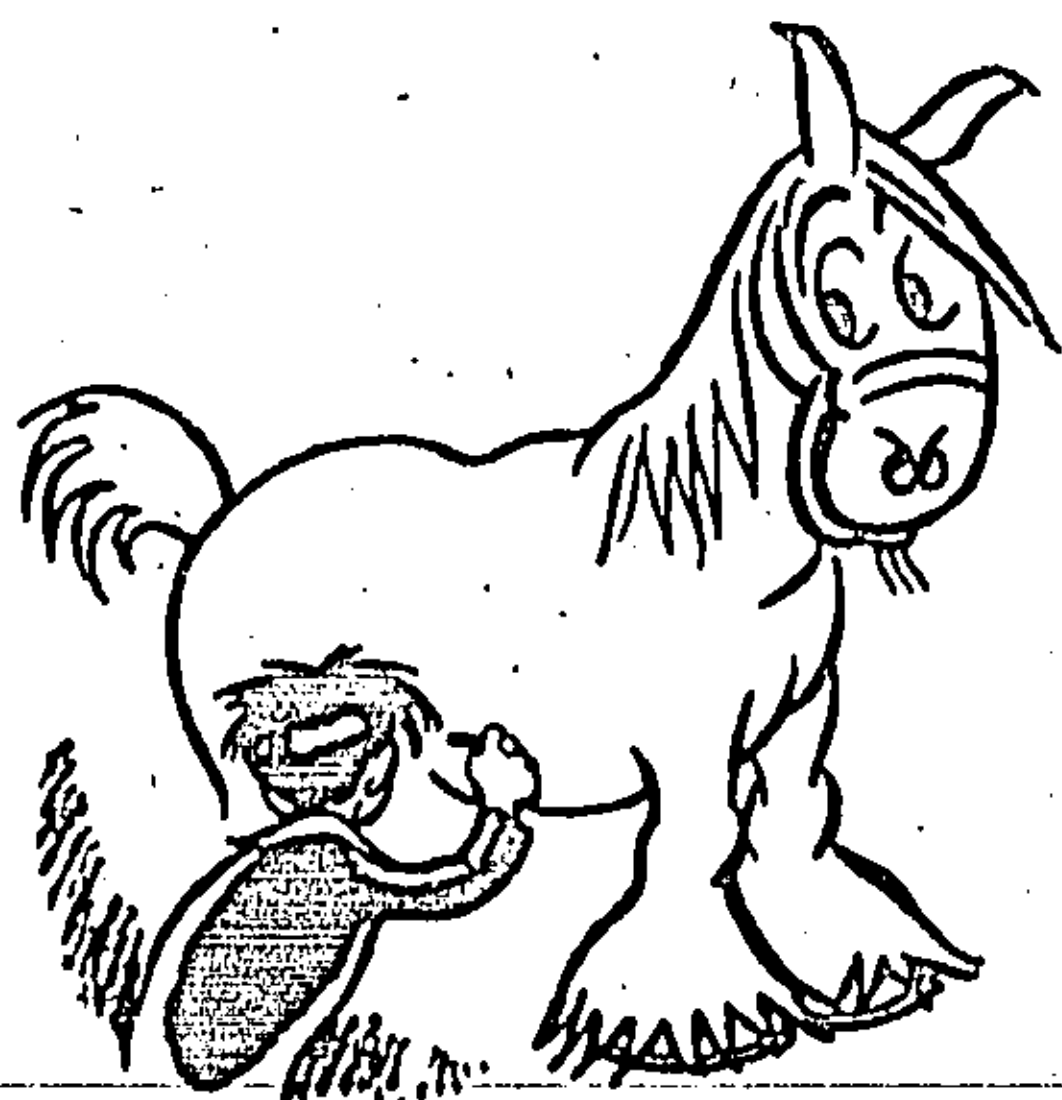
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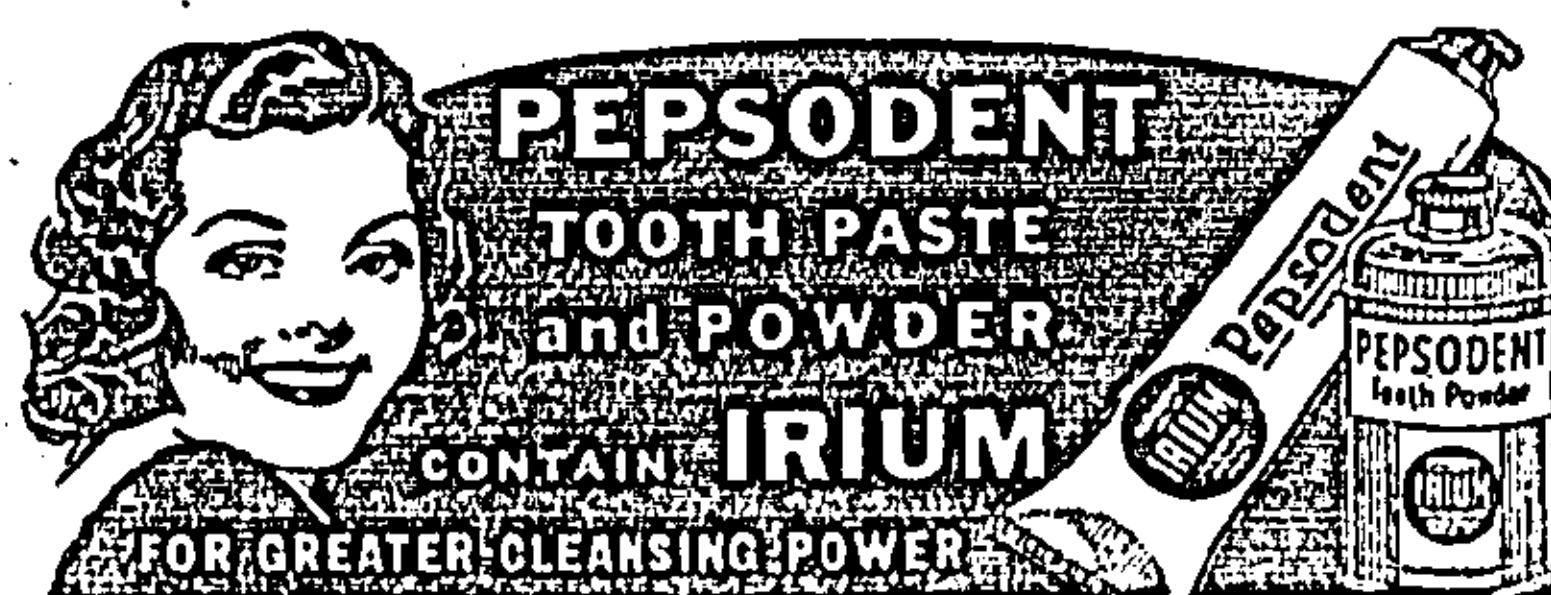
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Using Dried Fruits

AS there is little variety in fresh fruit at this season, dried fruits can be used instead. They are economical, and as many kinds are sun-dried they retain all the valuable health-giving properties of fresh fruit.

Some people say they look unappetising when cooked. This is because they are not treated properly, when they often turn out hard and tough, instead of being luscious, soft, and of good flavour.

First wash the fruit well, and then soak for at least twenty-four hours in cold boiled water just sufficient to cover it.

It can then be cooked in the same water, with sugar added to taste. The cooking must be as slow as possible, and on no account must the fruit boil. Cook till soft and tender. A plain cornflour mould is excellent served with any sort of dried fruit.

Prunes are splendid for the children, and they will like pruned mould. Soak 1 lb. of prunes in a pint of water as above, and cook in the same liquid with a little lemon juice. Remove the stones, crack them, and return the kernels. Add 2 ozs of sugar and 1 oz of dissolved gelatine, and turn into a wet mould until cold.

Dried Apple Pie

For a pie made with dried apples, soak the fruit, then stew gently, and while cooking put in a little salt and a piece of margarine the size of a walnut. When the apples are soft, put them through a sieve. Add some white sugar, two milk crackers rolled

fine, an egg, cinnamon, and nutmeg. Stir all together and turn into a pie-dish, covering with a good crust.

Royal pudding is a delicious sweet. Butter a basin and coat it with brown sugar. Cut a round of suet crust and lay this at the bottom of the basin. Place a layer of soaked prunes, stoned, over this, and a squeeze of lemon juice, then another round of suet crust and some honey on the top. Add more pastry, more prunes, &c., until the basin is full, finishing off with crust.

Cover with a scalded and floured cloth, plunge into boiling water, and boil for three hours at least. Serve with lemon or orange sauce. Dates can be used instead of prunes, and syrup or jam instead of honey.

Figs are another very good fruit for the children. Soak ½ lb figs, cut them up and put them into a saucepan with a tablespoonful of honey, ½ pint of the water, and the rind and juice of half a lemon. Simmer until tender. Dissolve ½ oz gelatine in a little of the syrup, then strain and stir into the mixture. Pour into a wetted mould and turn out when set.

Rice and Peaches

Peaches and rice go well together. Soak and stew the peaches till tender. Boil some rice with milk for an hour, and when it is firm add sugar to taste and a little essence of vanilla. Cover with a layer of the paste, rolled thinly, then add another layer of peaches and raisins. Proceed until the tin is full, and lastly add a moderately thick crust. Bake in a good oven and serve with custard.

E. R. Y.

Vinegar Virtues

APART from its uses in cooking, vinegar is one of the housewife's greatest blessings because it can be used in so many different and helpful ways.

A good method of cleaning and polishing highly veneered wood is by wiping them over with a soft leather cloth wrung out of a solution of weak vinegar and water, then rubbing up with a soft silk or woollen luster.

Vinegar used with blacklead or red polish will give a brilliant shine to a grate.

Bad stains on linoleum can be removed by rubbing them with a paste made of vinegar and powdered ashes. Rub marks until they disappear, then wash over with warm soapy water. Finally polish with a floor paste.

If your sink gets choked with grease, put a cupful of vinegar into a gallon of boiling water and pour down the pipe.

Use vinegar as a gargle with warm water, in the bath as a refresher, and in the last rinsing water after a shampoo.

Burnt enamel saucepans are easily cleaned with vinegar and bathbrick, and a solution of one gill vinegar to a pint of water makes an excellent cleanser for tarnished gilt picture frames. Use a little at a time and renew as mixture dirties.

D. F.

This light gray coat endorses the military influence in the silver buttons in hammered effect, in groups of three. Note the side pleats.

This charming frock in pale blue chiffon with black lace bodice and shoulder ruffles is representative of the current trend toward transparency in fashions. Lace ruffles also adorn the front of the full, flowing skirt. Designed by Jane Derby.

Hats Copy Gowns

By ELEANOR GUNN

NEW YORK—Reports from Palm Beach and other sun spots frequented by women who have a way of setting fashion are of sheers. This is not always so; some years, Palm Beach wears flannel and wool or heavy crepes, but this year it's dancing in sheers, strutting in sheers and, in fact, wearing sheer dresses everywhere. They are not yet seasonable, however, in colder regions—except, of course, for evening, when one wears pretty much what one likes.

Sheers are also the last word in hats. You'd be surprised how a clever milliner can twist and twine organza into pretzels that project forward over your head.

Dainty Trimmings

It's a bit early for a sheer hat unless you are planning a bridal party or a date at some smart tea room, in which case you might like navy or black net instead of something heavier. Or you might like a hat with a band of broderie Anglaise or a plaided lingerie ruche. Another mystifying trimming turns out, on close examination, to be loops made of narrow strands of Milan, a straw one usually thinks of as being solid and a bit stiffish; but it isn't, not when Sally Victor gets through with it.

Each spring, a horde of sailors captures Manhattan—and how women do love 'em! This year is no exception, but wait until you see what has happened to them. Bretons are among the most popular, but they have undergone a series of adventures that give them new angles and new lines, which is also true of the ageless wide-brimmed sailor. Fruits and berries are an appetizing touch in six delicious flavours—strawberry, raspberry, orange, cherry, lemon and lime.

Banner Competition

The Girl Guides recently held their annual competition for the Prince of Wales' Banner. Nine Companies each sent a Patrol of six Guides as representatives, and the competition took the form of a hike based on the standard required for the First Class Badge.

The Scouts kindly lent their Camp site at Chai Wan for the occasion, and a very enjoyable and instructive day was spent by the Guides, who had to pass such tests as cooking their mid-day meal, drawing a sock, simple first aid, signalling and compass direction.

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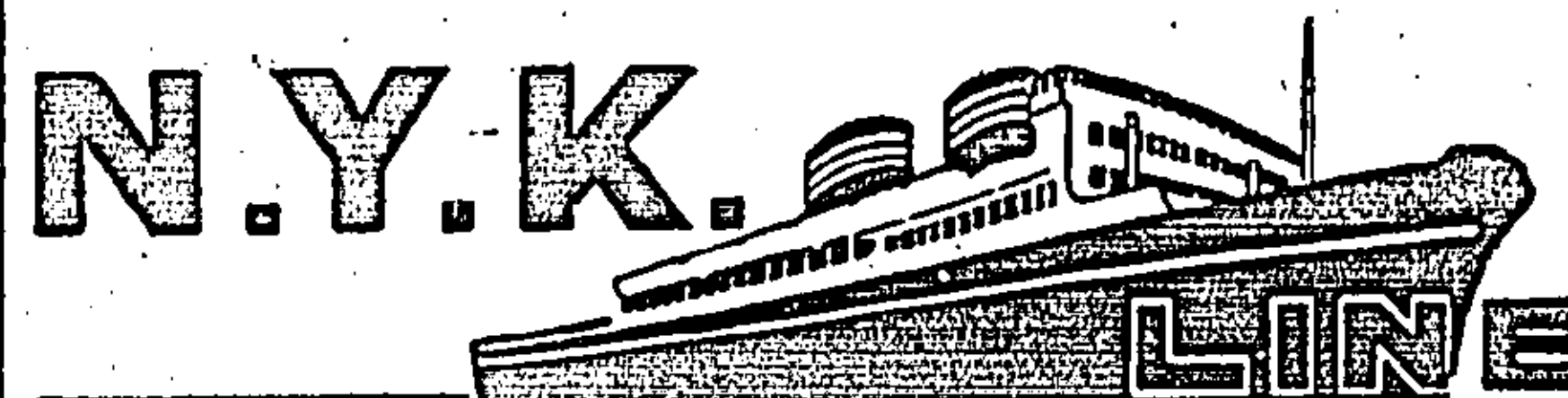
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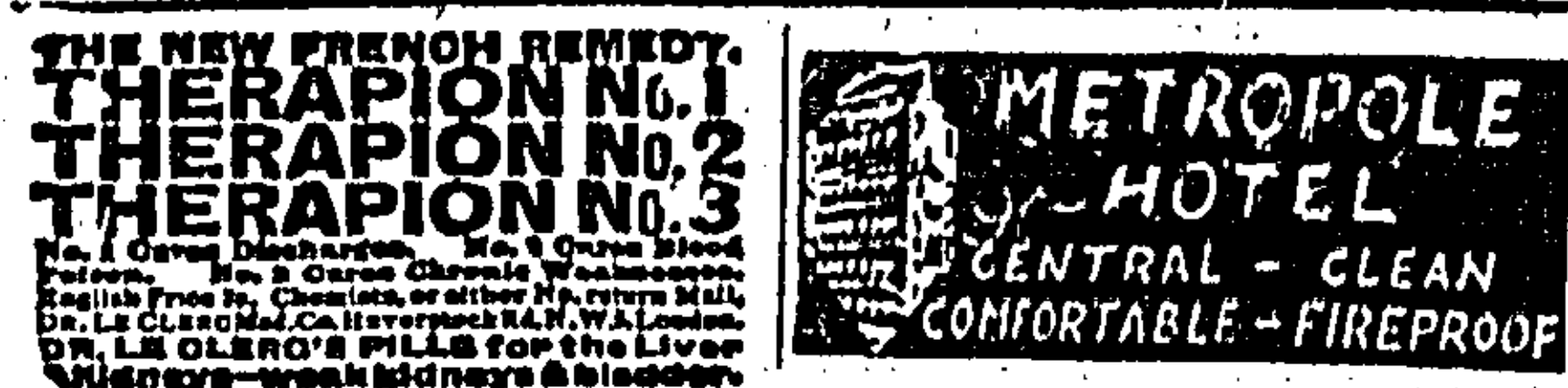
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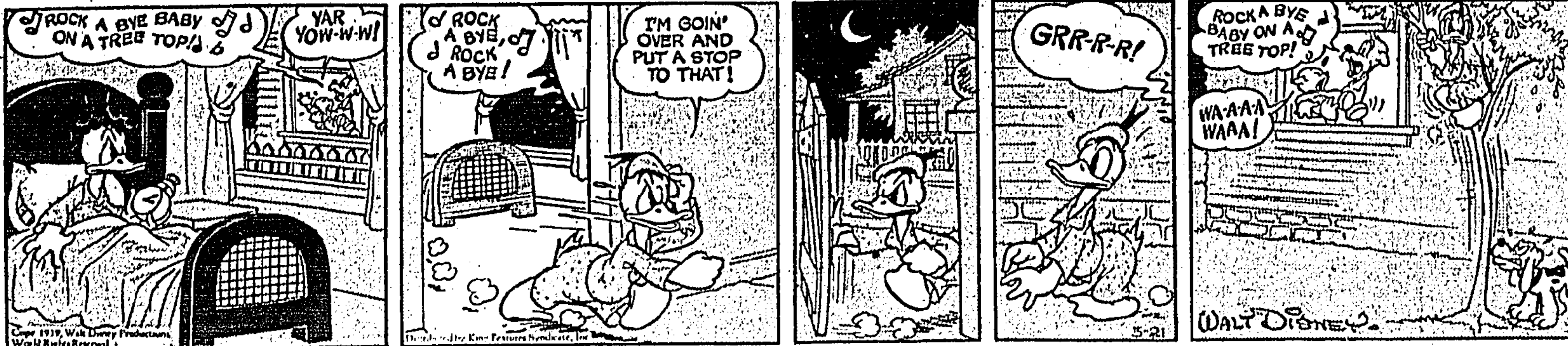
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SYNOPSIS: It is Springtime in Ceylon, but Judge Hardy's pleasant reveries are interrupted by a visit of two men, Willis and Hansen, who tell him that he is about to make a fortune. Certain average, owned by the Judge has been found to contain eight per cent. aluminum. Though excited by the news, he cautiously sends off a sample of the soil for analysis. In the meantime, though, Spring has dealt Andy Hardy a heavy blow. His girl, Polly, is entertaining a dashing Naval Ensign and when Andy calls on her she greets him with indifference.

THE following Sunday Judge Hardy had started to make good on his promise to his young daughter. If Marian was really that keen on getting a job some practice in shorthand might not be amiss. The door opened and Andy stepped into the room. His step was slow, his heart heavy. What a night he had spent.

Last evening, hiding behind a hedge of bridal wreath had seen Polly leaving the house with the Ensign. She had been wearing a fluffy pink dress and cape and he had been in full dress uniform.

Andy could still see her, looking more beautiful than any girl in the world—and belonging to another. He sighed with misery and handed his father a letter. "For you Dad. Special Delivery."

The Judge's eyes widened as he ripped open the envelope. It was from the Physics Department of the University of Wotonia.

"Dear Jim," it read. "Received the sample you sent me and here is the analysis you wanted. The soil contains eight per cent aluminum bauxite."

"The Judge let out a roar. "Ho, ho, ho!" Marian said disapprovingly. Really, old people oughtn't to let themselves go like that.

"He'll be dolt" the Rhumba next," Andy said languidly. The Judge clapped him on the shoulder. "No, but you'll be doing some arithmetic for me. Step into my den and exercise that mind of yours for a change."

When Andy was at his father's desk in the next room the Judge started. "If a product sells for twenty cents a pound in the open market and it is contained in soil weighing approximately a ton to a cubic yard—"

"Got it," Andy said tersely. "And there is eight per cent in the soil and 100 acres of soil." He was pacing the floor. "Let's see the earth's crust is approximately a hundred miles. That suppose we only dig ten. Well, Andy, how much would that come to? Well? Well? Figure it in dollars."

Feverishly, Andy calculated. Then, if we just dig down a foot—or five feet it would still mean millions. Why, it's incredible. Andy nodded without hearing or caring what it was all about. "Polly, Polly, Polly," he was scribbling on the paper. "Sure Dad, that's swell, I guess."

The Judge suddenly eyed him. "Say, maybe your mother was right. You need some sulphur and molasses."

"Pop," Andy said miserably, "sometimes I think families lay awake nights tryin' to think up ways to make a guy miserable."

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 NEXT morning, he walked dispiritedly into the Speaking Dramatics class.

Gee, this was going to be plain torture. He'd have to look at Polly's face for a whole fortnight. He'd have to wait the time that she was running around with that old Ensign Charlie.

Then he saw a note on his desk and opened it. "Dear Mr. Andrew Hardy," he read. "After our last conversation, kindly do not bother me again. Miss Polly Benedict didn't like it that he had called her a child in front of Ensign Cooper. Well, if that was the way she felt



about it, he guessed he could tell something in a letter too. "Dear Miss Benedict," he wrote. "Who wants to bother you again? If you mean me, I got better things to do." Furiously, he scribbled on. Mr. Davis was speaking to the class. "I'm sorry to say that your dramatics teacher is ill and won't be with us for the rest of the term so Miss Rose Meredith will take charge of the dramatics class starting to-morrow. In the meantime, I would like to introduce her. Miss Meredith comes to us from the State University where she majored in dramatics. I hope you students will give her a good impression of our school."

"Thank you Mr. Davis," a beautiful, velvety voice said.

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ANDY'S pencil stopped abruptly. He looked up and his head began to spin. Why, there stood the most ravishing creature he had ever seen.

"Good luck," Mr. Davis said pleasantly and closed the door behind him.

Rose Meredith spoke to the students. "I want you all to know," she said in rich, contralto tones. "That I'm glad to be here with you—that I want to be happy together and accomplish fine things."

Andy stared at her, stirred to the depths of his being by the strange beauty of her lovely sensitive mouth, her dark and fragile eyes set deeply into a pale, oval face.

She continued to talk and her voice was music in his ears. Once she smiled in his direction, a faint, passing smile and a tremor went over him.

"Instead of presenting a published play this season," she was saying, "I think it would be a fascinating experiment to have the whole project carried out by the students themselves. In other words, we'll write the play, paint the scenery, make the costumes, so that when it's presented to an audience, it will be a real accomplishment."

She stopped for a brief second, conscious of Andy's worshipping eyes. Started, she look away. "The first thing is to write the play," she said. "For that, I'd suggest taking a well-known drama and using it as a model. Take a similar theme; follow the pattern of the scenes, the unfolding of the story. Try to build the characters in the same way."

She made a graceful little gesture of finality. "I'll explain more fully to-morrow but please bring some play suggestions with you. You might look up the comedies of Shakespeare and Sheridan. There you, Class dismissed!"

There was the thunder of the class rising to its feet and a babel of voices. Sitting to the left of Andy was Beecy MacMahon. He winked. "Boyl! A swell dish, ain't she, huh?"

Andy stiffened with anger. "She looks like a lady to me." Stickin' Plaster's voice piped up. "Say, do you really s'pose they'll let me in on this play? I'm just crazy about everything about the

theatre. Gee, I'd like to be a actor."

"I can't imagine anything worse," Beecy said calmly. "S'long, Andy."

"Okay boy," Andy was staring at Miss Meredith and his fingers were slowly tearing to bits a piece of paper. It was Polly's letter. Then he took a deep breath and walked to the doorway where Miss Meredith was speaking to a student.

"Well," she was saying, "I think Camille's a little—uh—advanced for our class. Tommy, read Cyrano de Bergerac to-night. Maybe that will give you an idea."

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THE last pupil left and without seeing Andy she walked to the window and stared out.

The place was silent now. It was pleasant but just a little frightening, for solitude, she had found, gave one time to think, to be unhappy. Then she swung around as Andy addressed her. "Oh, did you want anything?"

He nodded vigorously. "Yeah. I wanted to ask you—this 'theme' business you talked about. What did you mean?"

"Well," she looked past him and her voice was muted as she said, "In 'Romeo and Juliet' it's the theme of love that comes to a tragic end. A pair of star-crossed lovers take their life."

"Give you a nice voice." Her lips quirked. "Thank you. I've studied very hard. By the way, what's your name?"

"Andrew Hardy." He added, with a sideways look. "But all my friends call me Andy."

"I see." He was a nice boy though a bit intense about himself, perhaps. Might be a good business man in the class, though. "Well, Andy, I hope you write a 'good play.' We'll need one."

"I'm gonna write a swell play." She nodded encouragingly. "A word of advice. Be sure you have a strong motivation for the plot. Through the open window, Andy could see Polly sauntering across the grass. Huh. She and her Ensign. Well, maybe she'd be finding out that Ensigns weren't the best fish in the ocean after all.

"Listen Miss Meredith," he said fiercely, "my motivation is perfect."

Andy is determined to get the world on fire and thus get his revenge on the fickle Polly. Will his new-found interest in life, Rose Meredith, really inspire him to be a playwright? Be sure to read the next exciting episode.

SECOND WHIST DRIVE

The Hongkong Football Referees' Association will hold their second monthly Whist Drive to-morrow at the Hotel Cecil at 8.30 p.m. Prizes have been presented by the Asia Company, the Sincere Company, A. G. James and Sons (Jewellers), Kowloon, Mr. A. W. Smith, and others have been purchased by the Association.

Mr. C. E. Ford will be M. C. Tickets are \$1 each, including refreshments, and may be obtained from the Hotel Cecil or any football referee. Mrs. Ford has kindly consented to present the prizes at the conclusion of the Drive.

THE Great War with the German Empire extended to the farthest ends of the earth.

In the heart of Africa lies Lake Tanganyika. For many years German ships had sailed on this inland sea unmolested.

The Germans used it for transporting supplies to their forces in German East Africa, and the German naval ensign flew on the ships of the German Navy there, which consisted of the gunboat Kingani and three or four armed vessels.

The British Navy was non-existent there, and as there were no facilities in British hands for shipbuilding, it looked as if the German Navy must remain supreme in that locality.

But nothing is impossible to those with imagination and determination. Someone thought of sending ships there overland, but the idea seemed too impractical to be carried out.

But imagination won the day and it was decided to send the British Navy there—overland! Behind closed doors at the Admiralty a few officers gathered and worked out every detail.

Luckily, too, there were those ready to undertake the impossible—the old spirit of adventure was still alive.

LIEUT.-COMMANDER A. SPICER-SIMSON

was selected to command the expedition, which consisted of two motor-launches and a force of 28 white men.

His ships were each of four and a half tons forty feet in length and with seven feet beam. Their full speed was designed for 15 knots, and their armament one 3-pounder gun and the usual supply of small arms.

They were specially built in Britain and named Mimi and Toutou. Early in 1915 they left Tilbury on their 20,000-mile journey.

On arrival at Cape Town the Mimi and Toutou were unceremoniously hoisted out of the steamer and placed on railway trucks.

The fleet left Cape Town on July 10 for the railhead at Elizabethville—a journey of some 2,300 miles.

At Elizabethville, the advance guard was met, and the whole party entrained for the railhead at Fungurume. Here a camp was made and the serious part of this great adventure started.

The difficulties ahead were enough to have deterred an ordinary man from going on, but Simson was not a man to be overcome by difficulties, and he had with him picked men, each with some special knowledge.

The greatest requirement of all was the spirit of adventure and the will to win through or die in the attempt. Simson was lucky in this respect, and the men were lucky in Simson.

One can imagine the discussions that went on, the endless suggestions and "brain waves" made, the talk of the chances of getting through, and on top of it all the views of the people with local knowledge who said it was "impossible."

What exactly had to be done? The Navy had to be taken to Sankisia, 160 miles distant through the thickest known—or one might almost say unknown—bush and over a mountain range 6,000 feet above sea-level.

There were certain small forest tracks to guide the party and a route had been mapped out by the advance-guard.

SIMSON decided to make the journey in three 50-mile stages with a depot between each.

The Mimi and Toutou were mounted in specially constructed cradles and carriages with big wheels; two traction engines were used to tow them.

THE NAVY WENT OVER THE LAND

By the middle of August the fleet "set sail" on this unique overland voyage; they were escorted by armed Askaris as they "steamed" into the bush.

No sooner had the order to sail been given when things started to go wrong.

The engines gave trouble, the two ropes were not the proper length, and the truck itself was not wide enough or the ground in places level enough.

It was as well this should happen at the very start, so as to follow. One difficulty after another had to be faced and overcome, breakdowns of all sorts occurred.

Snakes and scorpions had to be guarded against, especially at night as the latter are apt to get into one's boots if they get a chance, and their sting is as painful as a snake's.

This part of the jungle is also well known for its wild animals, though there was not much danger from these owing to the noise the convoy made on its passage.

Time and again the job seemed hopeless, sometimes no progress was made at all, and at others the progress in a whole day was barely a mile.

Some of the gradients were so steep that the traction engines could not tow. Storms and dust also frequently retarded their progress.

All the time great heat had to be endured, and furthermore the little party were always working against time, as the rainy season was not far off, and had this arrived the situation would indeed have been hopeless.

The crew themselves, during their long tramp, were frequently short of water, but they fortunately escaped the ravages of the tsetse fly, which carries with it the germ of sleeping sickness.

Eventually by the end of September the fleet had reached the highest part of the plateau, but their troubles were not at an end, as the descent was almost as difficult as the ascent.

Heavy weights going down hills and paths which are winding and tortuous need a lot of looking after to ensure they do not outrun their boiler power, and it would never have done for His Majesty's ships to be wrecked on the side of a hill.

EVENTUALLY

the long trek was completed and the fleet arrived at Sankisia, another railhead.

Here the two ships were once more put on railway trucks and proceeded in "luxury" another fifteen miles to Bukama, where they found themselves more in their own element, as they were soon aloft on the Luabala.

Steaming and towing they traversed a further four hundred miles till they reached another railhead at Kabalo towards the end of October.

Once more the fleet was put on a train for the last lap of their journey to Tanganyika, about five miles from the lake.

Simson constructed a short line over the last few miles and also a little harbour called Kalemie, consisting of a small breakwater built of rocks and boulders and some under-water rails, to enable his ships to be launched rapidly.

Simson received the assistance of the Belgian Commandant who commanded the small battery at Albierville near by on the shores of the lake—in fact, Kalemie became an almost first-class fortified harbour.

In the meantime the ships were kept hidden amongst the trees and bushes on the shores of the lake—as it was thought that the Germans might have heard of their approach.

ON Christmas Eve, after their five months' voyage by rail, road, and sea, the fleet was launched, cleaned up, and the guns and ammunition got ready for action.

Christmas Day was a well-earned holiday, but on Boxing Day at 9.40 a.m. the German Navy, in the shape of His Imperial Majesty's ships Kingani, a monster of 53 tons, was sighted steaming on a course that would take her straight past the harbour.

Simson waited till she was well past and then ordered his fleet to sea and made the signal to "Chase the Enemy."

He quickly overtook the Kingani and soon after 11.30 in the forenoon the action commenced. The Germans must have had the shock of their lives when they sighted the British fleet.

Guns were used at a range which was quickly reduced to less than 2,000 yards, and as the shock decreased the rifles and quick-firing guns were brought into use as well.

The Mimi, using lyddite shell, soon started hitting and in a short time the Kingani which at first had not been able to use her gun, as it would not fire stern, was badly hit.

The captain was killed, the gun put out of action, and in a short time the Kingani which at first had not been able to use her gun, as it would not fire stern, was badly hit.

Fires soon broke out on board and in less than a quarter of an hour the Kingani stopped and the engineer who was now in command surrendered the ship, which was brought as near the harbour as possible and beached in a sinking condition.

Misfortune now overtook one of Simson's ships, as the Toutou sank in a heavy storm—though as he had the Fifi, this was not so serious as it might have been.

Later she was repaired and added to the British Fleet as H.M.S. Fifi—a great asset as she had a 12-pounder gun mounted in her.

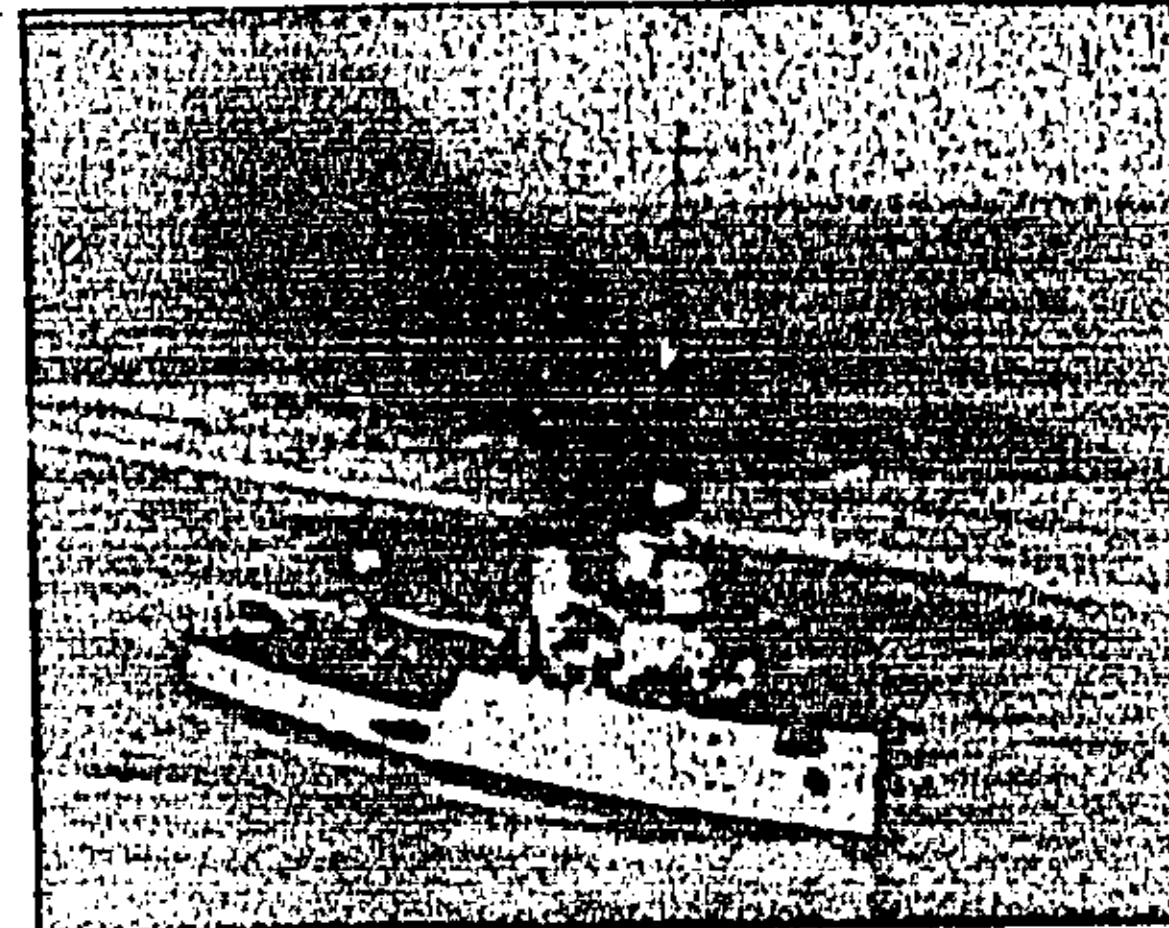
Eventually the Mimi closed to 4,000 yards and with the Fifi a little farther off, the two put shot after shot into the German, hitting her in the engine-room and setting the ship on fire.

The Germans fought gallantly on till their ship sank by the bows, with her colour still flying. Twenty of the crew were taken prisoners.

There now remained only two German ships on this inland sea. One was a small fast motorboat, which was sighted one day by Simson's fleet, and the commander at once ran her aground and set fire to her; the other was the Graf von Gotzen, a large ship of 850 tons.

Although she carried more guns than either of the other ships which had fought, her captain decided not to face an action and to sink her.

Simson's work was done, the impossible had been achieved, the lake was clear of the enemy, and another page of adventure and endurance, combined with two successful naval actions, had been added to our history.



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2.15 Close down.

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6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations.

6.47 A Spanish Programme.

7.17 Havel—Sonatine For Piano. Alfred Cortot (Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray; 2. Piano Solo—(a) Don't worry about me, (b) Our Love, (c) And the Angel Sing, Hal Lorenzo; 3. Accordion Mixture No. 5; Toby Gray, 4. Piano Solo—Blue Orchids, (Concluding with Two Pianos playing Over the Rainbow), Hal Lorenzo with Toby Gray; 5. Accordion and Piano—(a) Ain't she Sweet, (b) Chloe, (c) I'm sorry for myself, Toby Gray; Hal Lorenzo; 6. Piano Solo—Medley, (a) Limehouse Blues, (b) Wabash Blues, (c) Farewell Blues, Hal Lorenzo; 7. Two Pianos—Secret Rag (arr. Lorenzo and Gray), Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray.

8.30 Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards—Martial Moments, Wee Macgregor's Patrol, Policemen's Holiday—One Step.

8.45 B.B.C. Broadcasting—The Old Contemptibles Part 2—The Record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914, by Beatrix Brice, Produced by Felix Felton and Val Glendard.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—Vive La France.—The sixth of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.

9.45 French Songs by Albert Pre-Jean and Charles Trent.

10.00 London Relay—"From the Front Beach"—Talk by Lord Zetland on India.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

Market remains quiet and uninteresting.

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 Entertainments \$2.20

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Patriotically Slim

A CARTOONIST in a Canadian paper shows a lady of ample or super-outsize proportions before the mirror, anxiously asking her maid, "Do you think I'll ever come in style again?" Tactfully the maid does not answer; for, indeed, now that war has come, with its rationing the outsize figure seems doomed to fall still more out of favour.

It will not be a penal offence to be stout, for many of the stout ones have placed it on record that their Goering-like proportions are a perpetual mystery to them in that they eat less than people only half their size. Experts may say there is a glandular explanation. In any case, it has been recognised for a long time that the reasonably lean man or woman generally has the best of it, at a longevity table or any other.

The leading British medical weekly comments that though Britons shall have to eat less of the rationed foods, that will be no dietetic tragedy. Meat has not yet come within the restrictions, but those who keep a sharp eye on national health think that the sooner it does so the better. Particularly for those who are into or beyond middle age, and who lead sedentary lives, a little meat should be made to go a long way.

It is noteworthy that those animal-sidelines which, almost contemptuously, are described as offals, receive much more praise from the dieticians than meat itself. Offals, moreover, are not to be rationed. As for sugar, most English people can keep their consumption of it down without the slightest detriment to health. Those who need more will be able to get it in the confectionery shops as usual.

The comparatively small allowance of butter is widely regretted. According to report, Germans are at the present moment getting slightly more butter than the Briton. But then Germans get no milk, except on a doctor's certificate. The abundance of the British milk supply is ample compensation for the restriction of butter.



STALIN:—"Never mind, my sons. You have died to bring the blessings of Peace to the obstinate Finns."

(The Russian casualty lists were issued by M. Molotov last week.)

One man in ten has gone to war from this island

"Sure by Tummel and Loch Rannoch and Lochaber I will go, By heather tracks w' heaven in their wiles. If it's thinkin' in your inner heart, broggart's in my step, You've never smelt the tangle o' the Isles."

STORNOWAY, Isle of Lewis. The steamer that carried me up through the turbulent waters of the Minch into this northerly port of the Scottish Hebrides was crowded with big-boned Gaelic-speaking men from the Royal Navy.

They were all homing to Lewis on leave. As the steamer slipped past the promontory called The Beasts of Home and the stark contours of Lewis loomed through the moonlight the sailors began to crowd the fore-deck.

This blunt arrowhead of the Hebrides is like a big training school for the Royal Navy. No other part of the Empire has sent such a large proportion of its young men into fighting ships; certainly no other part of the Empire has produced a finer type of naval rating.

AND no other part of the Empire, it has to be added, has suffered so severely from mines and torpedoes. Already many of the homes of its remote fishing villages have received telegrams from the Admiralty which bring down the blinds of sorrow.

Every time one of our fighting ships meets with disaster the messages are flashed to Lewis. When the Rawalpindi was sunk she carried twelve Lewis men. Eight of them were lost and the other four were prisoners of war in Germany.

When the Exmouth went down six Lewis men and one man from Harris lost their lives. One of the Lewis men was John Morrison of Melbost. His sister had married Malcolm Graham, who was lost in the James Laidford. Young Mrs. Graham, lost husband and brother within a month.

So it goes—a lengthening list of Lewis losses as the struggle on the sea goes on. When the Lochaven was torpedoed she carried a deck crew of sixteen. Ten of them were men of Lewis and three of the remaining six were Gaelic-speaking lads from Uist, Barra and Locharron.

The courageous and the Royal Oak and the gallant little ships that were mauled by the cornered Graf Spee have all added to the proud grief of Lewis.

No wonder the folk of this barren island follow the progress of Germany's murderous sea warfare with troubled eyes. Eighteen hundred of their stalwart young fishermen and crofters went into the Navy when war broke out—such a paralyzing exodus that some of them had to be brought back. In every part of the seven seas, wherever the ships keep watch, these men of Lewis will be found. One armed merchant cruiser has forty Lewis men aboard. At the end of the last war the sea

Every time a British fighting ship meets with disaster there are mourners in Lewis. . . .

And there are only 770 square miles of Lewis, which lies in the Outer Hebrides.

No other part of the Empire has had a larger proportion of casualties in the fighting at sea than this "Island of Sorrows."

By
JOHN HERRIES
McCULLOCH

struck Lewis such a staggering blow that the whole world was moved by it.

On the last night of 1918, the naval vessel foliure was carrying more than 200 Lewis naval ratings back to their villages and their nets.

Their relatives and friends waited for them on the pier at Stornoway. It was good to have the boys home at last and the terrible war over.

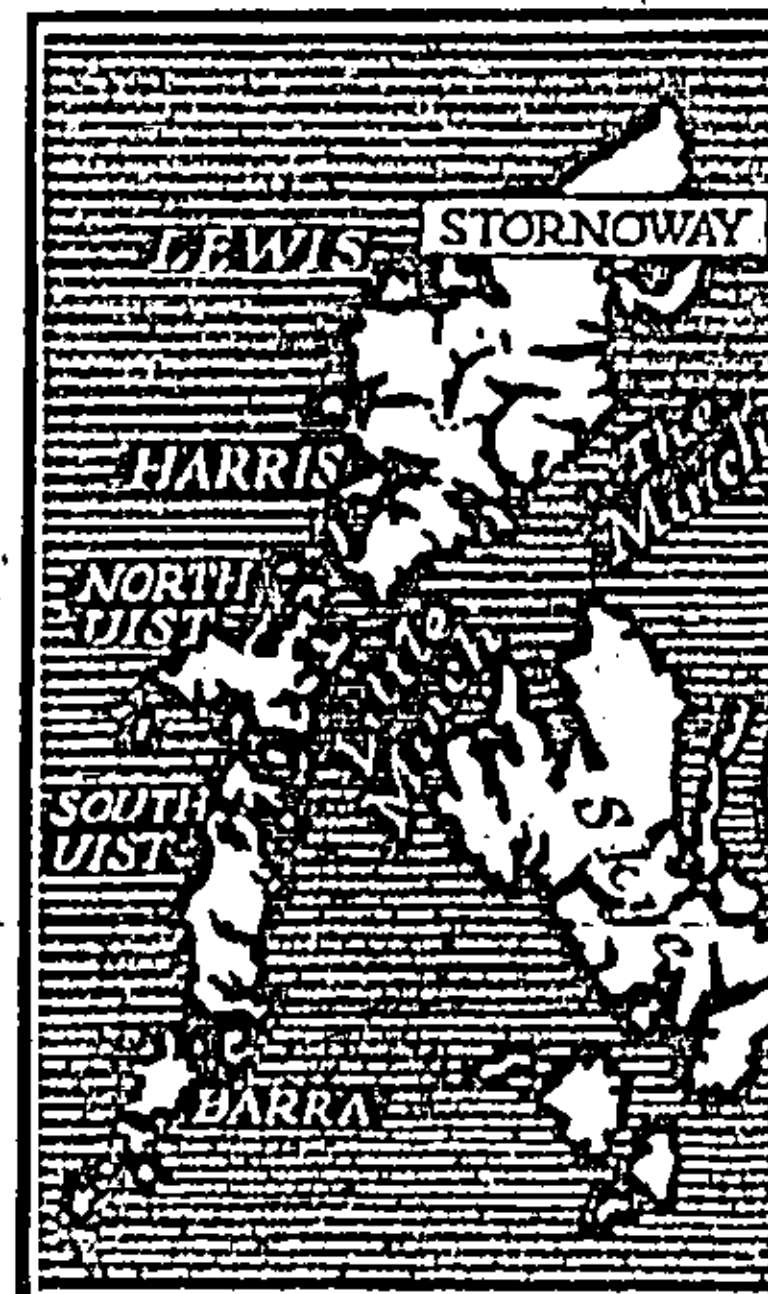
Ceud Mille Failte! "A hundred thousand welcomes!" Somebody on the bridge of the crowded foliure made an error of judgment. The ship struck the rocky shoulder of The Beasts of Home and slipped back into the deep sea.

Two hundred men were drowned. Some of the victims of the mid-night tragedy were cast up almost at their own doors. It was as if the sea had struck at these brave islanders in their hour of jubilation to humble them for ever.

LEWIS men have been used from earliest childhood to handle boats in dangerous waters. It was this hereditary background which enabled young Malcolm Morrison, hero of the Arlington Court, to bring his boatload of exhausted shipmates back to Lewis after steering by the wind through six wintry days and nights.

Malcolm Morrison deserved the congratulations the Admiralty gave him, for his exploit epitomised the toughness and courage of the breed to which he belongs. I said that some of the men who left Lewis to join the Navy at the outbreak of this war have been sent home.

To man coastal defence guns? No—to man the fleet of small motor-boats which cruise the narrow and tortuous roads of the island. There are scores of these sailer-driven vehicles plying the rocky back-roads of Lewis. They are of vital importance to the life of the island. They link its scattered fishing hamlets with Stornoway carrying passengers, goods and news. They are as vital to Lewis as the Dover Patrol is to England.



"Lewis. . . This blunt arrow-head of the Hebrides is like a big training school for the Navy."

Six weeks ago John Macdonald, driver of the Sheshader bus, was working in a naval dockyard far from Lewis. Had been there since the outbreak of war. Suddenly, and mysteriously he was ordered back. He puzzled about it all the way to Stornoway.

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The explanation was simple. The people of Sheshader had signed a petition to bring him back to his bus. It had been standing idle all the time he was away. The community were completely isolated. Their key man could drive his bus.

The long scrolls of these Lewis petitions follow the Navy to far ports. Macdonald MacLennan, who pilots the Arnol bus, was called up and sent to Capetown, South Africa, when war broke out. It was no use. A petition found him. Back to Lewis he came.

I saw him leaving Stornoway yesterday with a load of crofters. He had shed his uniform, but he is a man of importance again, and Arnol is no longer cut off from the outside.

STORNOWAY depends to a great extent for local gossip and war news on these bus drivers.

When the Admiralty send a telegram to Portingoran or any other fishing village on the coast of Lewis, the news it brings is carried back to Stornoway by the bus driver.

Six thousand men of Lewis served in the Great War. But only about 4,500 are serving in this one.

At the end of the Great War 3,000 young Lewis men emigrated because there were no prospects for them at home.

They were allowed to go to far places and the country lost the vigour of their blood and the steady warmth of their patriotism. I must never happen again. Never again must we break faith with this Island of Sorrows.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1890.
The following reliable information regarding the waist measurements of some of the leading London actresses will interest our numerous lady readers: Ellen Terry, 28 inches; Mary Anderson, 26 inches; Mrs. Bernard Deeds, 27 inches (no slays); Dorothy Dene 25 inches; Miss Horke, 23 inches; Kate Vaughan, 21½ inches (the smallest).

London contains at the present time close upon one hundred thousand paupers, exclusive of vagrants and lunatics.

The visit of the Royal party to Canton was not marked by anything special. The usual lions were visited and receptions held. They returned yesterday morning but did not land, embarking directly on the launch Victoria and steaming over to the Ancona, which had dressed ship for the occasion. There they said goodbye to H. E. the Administrator and the few others who were in attendance and at 12.15 the Ancona left her buoy for the north. No salutes were fired it being Good Friday but the yards of the war-ships were manned and the ensigns dipped.

25 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1915.
His Majesty the King has directed that, from to-morrow, no wines, spirits or beer shall be consumed in any of His Majesty's houses.

Yesterday, a Taube was brought down near Solihull, making the third one in 24 hours. The Allies' aircraft dropped 53 shells on Vigneulle Station.

Reuter's Havana correspondent states that a white pugilist, named Jesse Willard, beat Jack Johnson, for the heavy-weight championship of the world in the 24th round.

Our sport-loving readers will hear with profound regret of the death of Mr. A. E. Stoddart, the Middlesex cricketer, to whom the term world-renowned is certainly not applicable. Next to "Dr. W. G." he was probably the most popular of British cricketers—and he could lay claim to having made the highest score on record. This was on August 4, 1880, when, playing for Hampshire against the Stoles, he made 485 runs.

10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1930.
Presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. this morning, Mr. J. Scott Harrison stated that there was under consideration an augmented bus service to Repulse Bay beach during the coming summer and the establishment of a pavilion offering dressing room and refreshment facilities at rates within the scope of those of moderate means.

The flower sellers who were recently moved to On Lan Street from the foot of Wyndham Street, where they had piled their business for 50 years, are again to shift their pitch.

Business at On Lan Street has been very bad, and we learn that a new site has been decided on, as a further experiment this being at the junction of D'Almeida and Wellington Street.

The changing silhouette has cast its magic shadow on intimate apparel. Presto! Every one of the new gowns now has its counterpart in lingerie. There are princess slips and fitted panties, lace combination and circular sea, step-ins and slips with flounces in dainty lace.

Moreover, the dressmaker touch gives its delicacy to much of the new lingerie. Tucks, fine handwork, lace and embroidery all decorate it. Low-waisted slips are out, princess lines and wrap-arounds are in. Slips do not belt the waist-line but fit it so that the garter goes over them has the advantage of svelteness. The very chic woman now has a lingerie set for each season and dress.

5 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1935.
Mr. Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of the famous Tarzan stories, married Mrs. Florence Burroughs, who was the wife of Mr. Ashton Dearholt, wealthy industrialist. Mrs. Dearholt divorced her husband recently. Mr. Burroughs was divorced by his wife some time ago on grounds of extreme cruelty.

Tightening Blockade

New British Measures Not Yet Known

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—There is no indication yet regarding the character of the intensified blockade measures which Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons, learns "Reuter" diplomatic correspondent.

It is obvious that in matters affecting Britain's relations with neutral Powers and involving questions of international law which Britain still recognises and scrupulously practices, any new departure has to be considered from every angle and with the utmost circumspection.

Important London Talks

It is expected that the various heads of British missions in the Balkans will reach London by the week-end so that talks can begin on Monday.

Great importance is attached to the opportunity of the presence of these experienced diplomats in London for talks with the Foreign Office. It is obvious that Germany has been using methods of commercial pressure in the Balkans. There is no doubt about the sympathy of the Balkan states and the problem is to convince them that the Allies are in a position to save them from any German stranglehold.

In this connection the growing strength of the Allied army in the Middle East should prove a most useful card.

Intentions Obscure

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—While neutral newspapers are not over-concerned with the probable intensification of the blockade, Stockholm circles feel that the British intentions are at the moment obscure.

Mr. Chamberlain's hint that neutrals may find themselves barred from the Empire's resources unless they give Britain an assurance that they will limit their exports to Germany has caused some alarm.

This alarm is not caused by fear of Britain or the Allies, but by what Germany might do if neutrals give Britain the required assurances.

Difficulties Ahead

In the Netherlands, it is felt that the giving of such a guarantee is bound to expose neutrals to retaliatory action by Germany.

Practically the same view of the neutral Press agrees that a difficult time lies ahead of them.

In Italy, Mr. Chamberlain's speech is considered to herald a plan for rationing the neutral States by the Allies. There is criticism based on the assumption that quotas will be fixed on the level of pre-war imports.

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progressively of the nourishment necessary for fighting strength.

Germany cannot break from the cage without facing grave dangers.

A similar point is made by the "Glasgow Herald" which, however, goes on to say that we should not wait to see what Hitler is going to do. In the paper's opinion there should be other action against Germany as well.

The "Daily Express" insists that we must seek for other means as well of bringing the war to a close. We must adopt sterner methods and harsher measures.

Harsher Measures Demand
The "Daily Herald," while supporting Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the whole, does not like being told to wait and see.

The "Daily Mail" asks that concerted action be taken with Britain's three-pronged weapon, the navy, the resources of the Empire and monetary wealth.

The "News Chronicle" also calls for action. The best way of keeping our spirits will be to show by deeds that the Allies really mean to give teeth to the blockade.

Strong Following For Roosevelt

MILWAUKEE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Candidates who have pledged themselves to re-elect President Roosevelt gained the majority of votes in the Wisconsin democratic primary preference primary to-day.

The latest returns from 1,844 districts give 109,210 votes to the candidates pledged to President Roosevelt and 50,806 votes to Vice-President Mr. John Garner.

3 To 1 For Roosevelt
NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Democratic Party of Wisconsin has voted 3 to 1 in support of President Roosevelt for his third term office.

The other candidates supported Mr. John Garner, the Vice-President. In the Republican Primaries also held here Mr. Thomas Dewey, the District Attorney of New York, was given a 2 to 1 lead over Senator Vandenberg.

In the somewhat complicated system of American politics one State's primary does not produce any concrete result, but the present result is regarded generally in the United States as an indication of President Roosevelt's prospects should he decide to stand for his third term of office.

COMMONS CRITICISES CRAIGIE'S SPEECH

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ment of the dispute on equitable terms.

Unfortunate Impression
Mr. Noel Baker asked if it was not unfortunate that the impression should have been created in Japan that the British people condone aggression in Asia although resisting it in Europe.

In replying, Mr. Butler said he trusted that no such impression had been created but felt satisfied that the terms of his answer would dispel any such impression.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked whether in view of the misunderstandings aroused by this speech, the Minister would make it clear again that it still remains the policy of the British Government that the provisions of the Nine Power treaty must continue in operation until they were abrogated or amended with the consent of all signatory powers.

"Yes," said Mr. Butler, "It has always been our endeavour to conduct our policy in the Far East in accordance with the principles underlying the Nine Power treaty and so keep in step with the French and American governments."

Colonel J. C. Wedgwood asked if the Minister's attention had been called to the following sentences in the speech: "Both countries—England and Japan—are ultimately striving for the same objective" and "It is surely not beyond the powers' constructive statesmanship to bring the aims of their national policies into full harmony."

Wedgwood Shouted Down
He asked if the Government would emphatically renounce the view of that character.

He was interrupted by cries of "No, no."

Mr. Butler replied that it served no useful purpose to seize upon certain expressions in the speech.

It was of more value to accept the statement which he (Mr. Butler) had made as representing the policy of the Government. He would go further and say that Government saw no objection to improving their relations with Japan.

House Of Lords Debate
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The subject of Sir Robert Craigie's speech was also raised in the House of Lords during question time to-day by Viscount Samuel.

"We all desire that the Anglo-Japanese relations should be placed on a satisfactory footing," he said, "and we must welcome Sir Robert Craigie's efforts to effect that object. But as it was reported, the speech might be interpreted as a condemnation of Japan's action in recent years and an acceptance of her policy."

The Japanese invasion, he said, had been generally held all over the world as something condemnable. In replying, Lord Halifax said that he had seen a fuller account of the speech than was available in the press here.

He proceeded to answer in the same terms as Mr. R. A. Butler used in the House of Commons.

Not Inconsistent
He added that the Government did not regard their policy as thus defined as being in any way inconsistent with the endeavour, to which Viscount Samuel had attached importance, to place our relations with the Japanese on a friendlier footing.

Sir Robert Craigie, he said, had rendered a very valuable service in this direction and it was for this purpose that he was specially concerned to promote in his speech.

S.M.C. ELECTION: NEW MOVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 3 (UP).—The leading American taxpayers here are discussing the possibility of requesting the Consular body to persuade the Municipal Council to postpone the local elections in view of the continued existence of abnormal conditions in Shanghai.

Opposition To Japanese
SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—Japan's bid to gain control of the International Settlement is to be vigorously fought by the British and American communities.

The British and American election committees to-day decided to rally the voters round a platform and ask for the maintenance of the existing ratio of councillors—five British, two American and two Japanese.

Big Decrease In Unemployment
LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The number of registered unemployed in Britain in the middle of March totalled 1,121,213 which is the lowest figure since June 1929.

This total represents a decrease of 304,000 since February which is one of the largest decreases in one month seen for many years.

Substantial Improvement
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Labour announced a substantial improvement in the unemployment figures.

Between February 12 and March 11, the number of persons unemployed fell by 303,000 to 1,121,000. Compared with March, 1939, this was a reduction of 608,000.

A large part of the increase in employment was due to an improvement in the weather conditions, but in addition there has been a general increase in industry activity from other causes.

RUSSIA'S HUGE BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Union Council of the Supreme Soviet to-day concluded their debate by adopting a final budget providing for revenue totalling approximately 184,000,000,000 roubles.

Expenditures total about 180,000,000,000 roubles including 47,000,000,000 for the Army and 10,000,000,000 roubles for the Navy.

Anglo-French Solidarity
Schools To Make Big Contribution

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Further evidence of Anglo-French solidarity was given yesterday when Earl de la Warr, President of the British Board of Education, broadcast from Paris to the young people of France and England on the contribution which the schools of both countries could make towards Anglo-French unity.

He pointed out that there was a sphere more important than schools where young France and young England are to-day picking their ideas and laying the foundations of their future lives.

Challenge To Freedom
The challenge to freedom would be answered in the immediate future by French and British arms, he said, but in the long view it was a direct challenge to the schools on the quality of the human beings they are turning out.

There must be full international understanding on the united front of the Western democracies, he said, and to this end the English schools were already engaged in special methods of instructing their pupils on the ideals of culture and the achievements of France.

New plans have been made and programmes drawn up for school broadcasts, films and lectures. An exchange of visit between teachers and children will also be arranged.

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Stalin Grabs The Winnings

Neutral Press On Nazi Disappointment

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Swiss press to-day divided editorial attention between the German White Book and M. Molotov's speech.

"This publication was clearly intended to counteract the profound impression created all over the world by the French Yellow Book and the English Blue Book," says "La Tribune".

The "Zurcher" says: "M. Molotov's injunction of Russia's intention to pursue her own policy was clearly addressed to Germany. Berlin seems slightly disappointed with Russia who has wisely pocketed the winnings without having to stake all on the German card of victory or defeat. Moscow is eager to avoid giving the Allies any pretext for attack."

War May Be Inevitable
"Nevertheless," continues the paper, "the Kremlin apparently realises that Russia's protestations of neutrality may come too late and that it may be that a collision with the Allies is inevitable. How disastrous Russia considers such a war would be can be clearly seen in M. Molotov's speech."

The Hungarian press betrays a mood of expectancy of an intensification of the British blockade. The Budapest "Magyarország" believes that Britain will attempt to enhance the control sufficiently to make the neutrals entirely dependent upon her pleasure even by entering the Black Sea.

The paper also stresses the significance of M. Molotov's vague reference to Rumania.

London's Mistrust
The "Magyarország" stresses London's mistrust of the Russian promises and M. Molotov's equivocal statements while quoting "Pravda" as saying that the statement that the Soviet is ready to strengthen connections with the West.

The "Magyar Nemzet" also stresses the significance of the report that Britain desires to extend the blockade to the Adriatic.

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Prison For Communists

French Authorities' Drastic Action

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Twenty-seven former Communist Deputies, whose trial has just concluded, were sentenced to five years' imprisonment and five years' loss of civil and political rights.

They included Florimond Bonje, Secretary of the so-called Workers and Peasants Party, which was formed after the dissolution of the Communist Party.

Appeal For Peace
Bonje was one of the two signatories of a letter addressed to M. Herriot, President of the Chamber, in October asking for immediate peace negotiations.

This letter formed the principal basis of the prosecution.

Eight of the accused were sentenced to four years with the benefit of the First Offender's Act. They will, however, be transferred to concentration camps.

The remaining nine accused, who have fled and were tried in their absence, were also sentenced to five years.

NAZIS DEMOLISH CZECH STATUES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
PRAGUE, Apr. 3 (UP).—A monument to the famous Czech historian and champion of Czech independence, M. Denis as well as a large bronze tablet commemorating Czech Independence Day were removed to-day and donated to Field Marshal Goering's collection of metal as a birthday present to Hitler.

Recently bronze statues of Moses and a famous Rabbi in Prague were removed and handed over to the collection.

For Hitler's Birthday
AMSTERDAM, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A drive to collect scrap metal for Hitler's birthday is being pursued with fanatical energy in Germany.

Every day the newspapers suggest new sources of supply and the people are being asked to give up ancient coins and medals.

Sportmen who sacrificed their trophies are being held up as model citizens.

A start in removing public monuments for the benefit of the metal collection has already been made. It is reported in Prague and other places in the Protectorate.

Trade Pacts To Stand Unchanged
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—It is learned from official quarters that since the signature of the respective war trade agreements, no approach has been made by the British Government to either Norway or Sweden on the subject of restriction by them of iron ore supplies to Germany.

Mr. Charles Hambro is now in Stockholm on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, but he has taken with him no proposals for a new trade agreement with Sweden, nor are any proposals being made to Norway for a trade agreement to replace that signed last month.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR FRANCE
PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—M. Cesar Campinchi, the French Navy Minister, stated before the Chamber Naval Commission that it had been decided to lay down a further number of warships of all types amounting to 200,000 tons.

French Shipping Losses
M. Campinchi said that the average monthly French tonnage sunk by U-boats was only half the tonnage sunk in September.

German air attacks, of which there have been several hundred during the last seven months, have destroyed not more than 25,000 tons of shipping.

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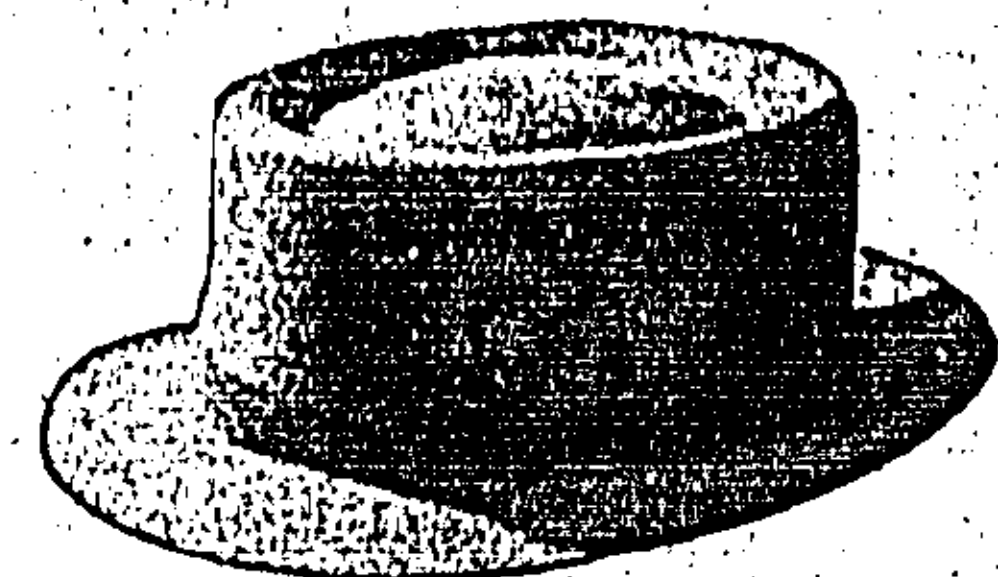
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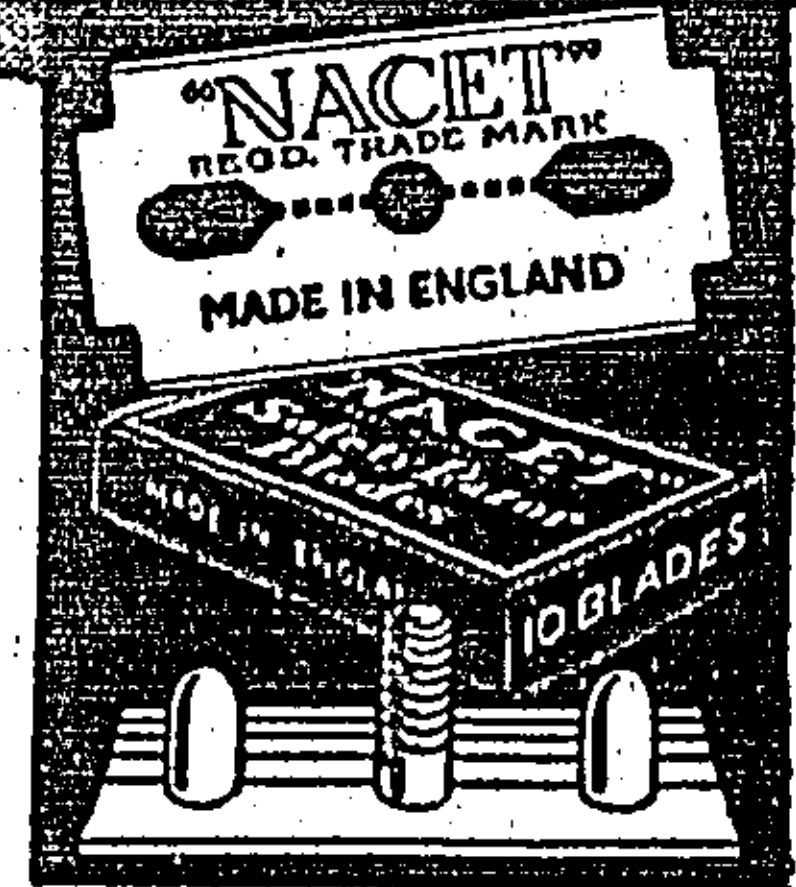
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes CONCERNING OBSTRUCTION RULE Goal-Keeper Included In Jurisdiction: Points To Remember

WITH REFERENCE TO a controversy in a local contemporary, I have been approached by several players and umpires to give my opinion on the incident which occurred during the Civilian-Macao encounter on Easter Monday, when Macao defeated the Civilians 3-2.

The incident arose when a Civilian attacker was penalised after he had been obstructed by a Macao defender. The umpire concerned, for reasons of his own, found fault with the former. It is my personal opinion as an umpire that the offence committed by the defender was sheer obstruction, and, therefore, he should have been penalised without question. However, the umpire found fault with the attacker and awarded the hit against his side, which was incorrect.

Under the circumstances, a "bully" would have been the obvious decision, as in the opinion of the umpire both players were guilty of some offence. For the benefit of umpires in general, and our friends in Macao, I will explain the Obstruction Rule.

This is one of the most important rules governing the game of hockey, and the abuse of it by players is one of the cardinal faults, and often the laxness of some umpires, generally speaking, in not enforcing it, has led to a certain extent the cause of our not playing the best type of hockey.

The rule reads:
"A player shall not obstruct by running in between an opponent and the ball... nor shall he interpose himself, or his stick, in any way as an obstruction to an opponent... nor shall he touch the ball before he touches the person of his opponent. There shall be no charging, kicking, shoving, or striking at or holding an opponent by any means whatsoever."

THE rule is perfectly clear, and if you think it over you will find it can be summarised by simply stating: "Obstruction means depriving your opponent, by unfair use of your person, of an equal chance of hitting the ball." That is the essence and spirit of the whole rule. It can be put another way, however: "A player must not gain an advantage by the unfair use of his body, foot, hand or stick."

If players would only read the rule as I have broken it up, or seriously reflect on the summary of it, their hockey would improve and they would not be liable to commit this great fault "obstruction."

It has been said that obstruction will never be completely eliminated from our game because of the "human" element, but much can be done to obviate it. Players often accuse an umpire because he is strict,

SPORT ADVTs.

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THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

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Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21929).

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Pte. Corrigan Wins Kowloon Marathon

Middlesex Competitors Unable To Run

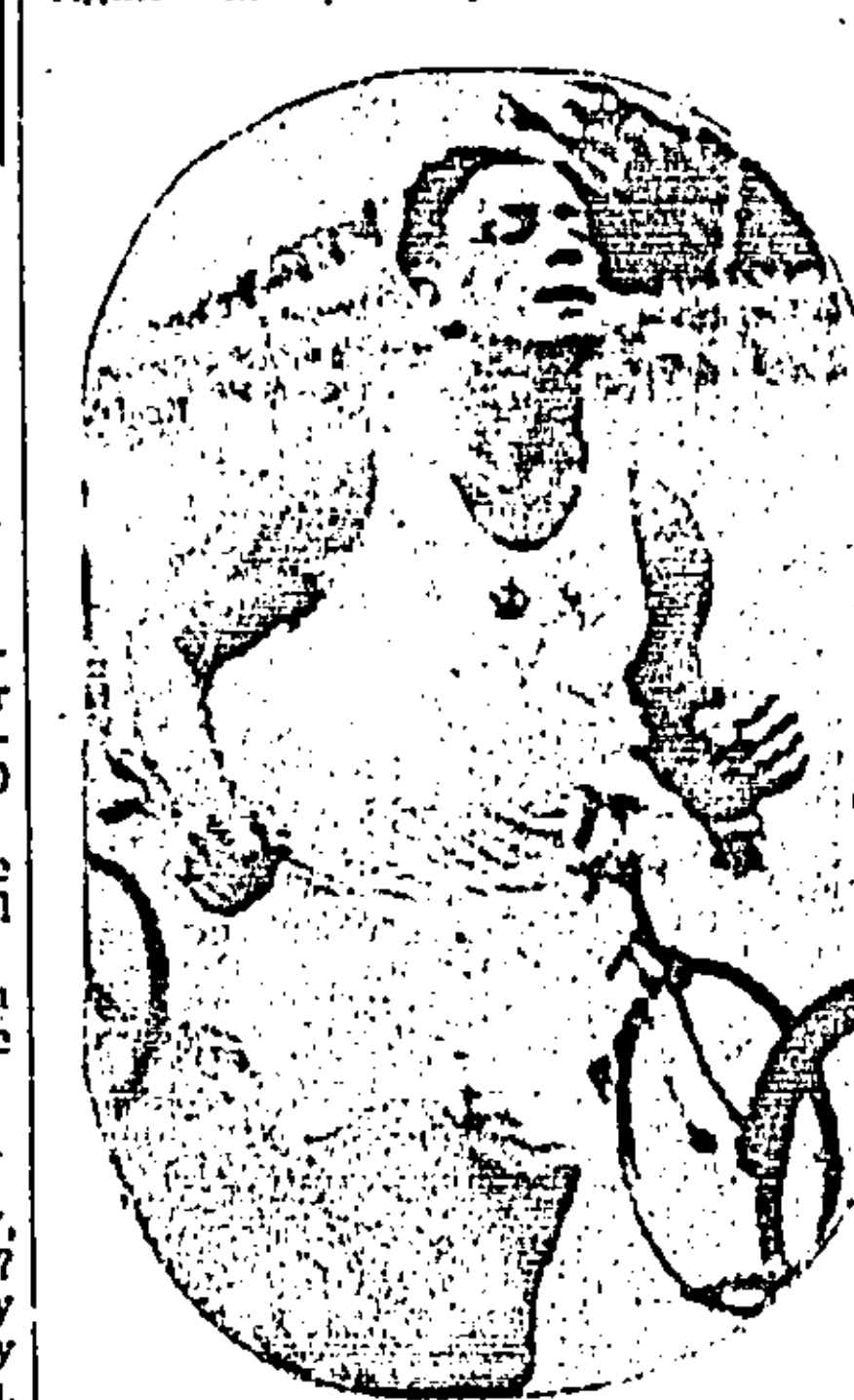
Pte. Corrigan, of the Royal Scots, had a comfortable victory in the annual Kowloon Marathon arranged by St. Andrew's Club yesterday. There were originally 33 entries but owing to duties 15 Middlesex competitors withdrew.

Fourteen starters lined up and 10 completed the course of about six and a quarter miles. They finished in the following order:

Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots) 35 min. 4 sec. 1
Sgt. Lewis (Signal) 37 min. 8 sec. 2
Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots) 38 min. 43 sec. 3
L. Cpl. Wilson (Royal Scots) 40 min. 34 sec. 4
Cpl. Truscott (Signal) 41 min. 35 sec. 5
Pte. White (Royal Scots) 42 min. 36 sec. 6
N. Reynolds (H.A.F.) 43 min. 37 sec. 7
L. A. C. Brown (H.A.F.) 44 min. 38 sec. 8
L. A. C. Moulton (H.A.F.) 45 min. 39 sec. 9
Pte. Edge (Royal Scots) 46 min. 40 sec. 10

The race began at St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m., and Sutherland, Truscott and Corrigan took the lead. The course was up Nathan Road, Western Road, Prince Edward Road, Tam Kung Road, Bulkeley Street and Chatham Road back into Nathan Road.

The runners were close together until in Tam Kung Road when Corrigan drew away and Truscott



Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots), winner, crossing the finishing line of the Kowloon Marathon race which was held yesterday. The time was 35 minutes 4 seconds.—Photophone.

dropped back to be passed by Lewis, who had been running a steady fifth.

SLOWER TIME

During the last part of the race Sutherland lost ground and gave second position to Lewis. Corrigan, who was running strongly, reached the winning post far ahead of the second and third men. The winner's time of 35 min. 4 sec. was slower than last year.

Mrs. A. C. Jeffreys presented the prizes.

Rev. J. R. Higgs pointed out that although the race was run in Kowloon it was a Colony marathon, and had been organised by St. Andrew's Club for the past 19 years. He thanked Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Mr. Ezra Abraham and Mr. F. C. Hall, for the prizes, not only for this year's competition but for many years past.

Under the supervision of Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods and Sub-Inspector J. Johnston, traffic police assisted in the race, with the help of Boy Scouts of the 1st. Kowloon (St. Andrew's) Troop.

The following were officials: Mr. V. R. J. Merrett (Starter); Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Dr. K. H. Utley, Rev. J. R. Higgs, Messrs. A. C. Jeffreys, H. Kew and R. H. Wong (Judges).

Association Tournament Table

OWING TO A WET week-end, no games were played in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament. The tournament table to date is:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
C.H.A.	7	0	1	32	5	13	
Radio and P.S.C.	7	0	1	0	23	11	
Postal Engineers	8	4	1	3	18	12	11
Police	7	4	2	1	11	9	
Nomads	8	3	4	1	15	10	7
Recreio	8	3	4	1	15	10	7
Royal Signals	7	1	5	1	5	3	
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	1	3	14	3
University	6	1	5	0	15	2	
R.A.O.C.	3	3	3	1	0	10	

Strain Of Congested Programme Has Effect On Chinese Players

(By "Rox")

A powerful Middlesex side beat a footsore Eastern eleven three goals to one in their First Division League match at the Club ground yesterday.

Some there were who thought Eastern guilty of grossly under-rating their opponents, but three matches in four days is putting rather a strain on the players and they were unable to challenge the Mids.

Middlesex played superb football. Eastern's attack, with the possible exception of Cheung Kam-hoi and Hau Ching-to, were as putty in the hands of Cooper and Sheehan. Jackson, when called upon, saved well, but was never really tested.

BRIGHT PICK OF HALVES

BRIGHT was the pick of the halves. He had Darcy Lee, and later Tsui Ah-fai well tabbed. He greatly aided the forwards who showed excellent understanding, but who were guilty of erratic shooting. Wilkinson and Parker spoiled to great effect and also lent valuable support to the forwards.

Riches, seen in the centre-forward berth, played a knowing game, and with more practice with Pearson and Saw, should develop an exceedingly dangerous inside trier. Saw was easily the pick of the forwards. He was as tricky as ever and schemed to good purpose. Marable made a welcome appearance, and secured two of the Mids' goals. With Coomer, they formed the nucleus of an attack to be compared with that they had when shortly after their arrival here.

Despite the faulty display of his back pair, Lau Hin-hon played an exceedingly good game, besides saving twice from a penalty by Sheehan. Tsang made several bad moves, two of which resulted in goals against his side. In the second half he changed with Darcy Lee to score the 'long' goal of Eastern. Cheung was the steadiest of the two, and the valuable support accorded him by Lau enabled him to check, in a measure, Mids' disastrous raids. Hau made great efforts but the flesh was weaker. Lo was the best half, clearing and spoiling well.

MIDS' STEADFAST DEFENCE

TSUI Ah-fai also felt the strain, and was exceedingly slow. Cheung was the best forward for Eastern, but, entirely unsupported, was unable to do much damage. Hau Ching-to pierced the stonewall defence, but lack of support and the steadfast vigilance of Parker were responsible for his having drawn a blank.

Eastern opened and appeared to take matters easily. Mids soon showed they were business, and impressed with some fine movements into Eastern's area. Saw missed a golden opportunity to open the scoring when he dabbled with a pass from Coomer. Cheng cleared his late pass to Marable. They continued the pressure, and Marable forced a corner. Bright sent in a first timer from Lau's clearance, which Tsang stopped with his hands. Sheehan took the kick from the spot. Lau twice saved, but was apparently disqualified for moving. Saw next took the kick and made no mistake.

Eastern seemed cast down by this reverse, and made half-hearted attempts at stopping the ball. Hau woke from his lethargy to speed up his forwards, but quickly fell back again. Tsui and Hau were over-anxious and were constantly being pulled up for offside. Coomer brought the ball well into Eastern territory, centred right across to Marable who met it first-time leaving Lau standing. Soon after this Tsang was hurt, and left the field just before half-time.

EASTERN'S LATE RALLY

THE resumption saw him at right wing. Darcy went back. This seemed to effect a change in Eastern, but they soon spent themselves and Mids took command. Their forwards were given many opportunities to score, but faulty shooting kept the score at its first half level.

Eastern broke away, Hau passed to Tsang who shot past Jackson, but was ruled offside. Eastern felt away for some time for Mids to take up the attack. A nice movement by Saw, and the ball went to Riches. It was returned to Saw who tipped it to Marable for the latter to beat Lau with a light drive.

Eastern raged and pressed the Mids area for some time. Lau sent a long pass to Cheung, who tricked the defence to give Tsang a forward pass which Tsang met first time to beat Jackson. From then on Mids kept up pressure, but was unable to add to the score.

The boys were:—
Middlesex—Jackson; Sheehan, Cooper; Parker, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Riches, Saw and Marable.
Eastern—Lau Hin-hon; Cheung Ying-kuen, Tsang Chung-wan; Lau Shih-ling, Tsui Ah-fai, Lo Wah-kun; Darcy Lee, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai, Ng Ching-ang and Hau Ching-to.

NATIONAL PROBABLES AND CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The following are the probabilities for the Grand National on Friday:

Royal Danelli (Moore), Professor 11 (Owen), Dunhill Castle (Wilson) Rockquilla (Carey), Red Eagle (Elder), Donnick's Cross (Micheil) Blackhawk (Rimell), Kilstar (Archibald), Away (Muir), MacMoffat (Alder), Milano (Danny Morgan), Venturesome Knight (Tweddie), Litigant (Black), Le Cygne (O'Grady), Symaethis

The Call-Over

The call-over is as follows:
7/2 Kilstar (t and o)
10/1 The Professor (t and o)
12/1 MacMoffat (t and o)
12/1 Royal Danelli (t and o)
100/8 Milano (t and o)
100/7 Symaethis (o)
100/6 Rockquilla (t and o)
20/1 Blackhawk (t and o)
25/1 Takvor Pacha (t and o)
25/1 Underbird (t and o)
28/1 Bogskar (o)
33/1 Inversible (t and o)

(Genkes), Inversible (Hogan), Bogskar (M. Jones), Boyo (R. Morgan), National Night (H. Jones), Takvor Pacha (Priorpalmer), Cornlaw (McNeill), Luxborough (Brown), Lazyboots (Ward), Underbird (Nicholson), Bachelor Prince (Loewenstein), Downright (Seeley), Tickmill Kelly, Gold Arrow (Lay), Second Act (Dowdswell), Red Freckle (Redmond), Sterling Duke (Hyde).
Royal Mail has scratched.

Quartier Maitre Wins The Lincolnshire

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Lincolnshire Handicap, run over a mile at Lincoln to-day, resulted:

Quartier Maitre (—) 1
Uncle Archie (Mullins) 2
Ticcar 3
Betting: 7-2 Quartier Maitre, 100-7 Uncle Archie, 100-8 Ticcar.
Won by two lengths; half a length. Others.—Golden Sovereign (Beary), Hot Bun II (Sam Wragg), Booms-a-daisy (Neveit), Wonerah (Marshall), Timestep (Ruttle), Titan (E. Smith), Nagor (Christie), Florett (E. Smith), Paul Beg (Evans), Davy Deltile (A. Burns), Squadron Castle (Mitchell), Reynard's Lodge (Mahr), Rosetown (D. Smith), Aldine (Richardson), The Straight Four (Dyson), Punt Gun (Dicks), Hammac (Sharpe), Corena (Filton).

Colony Tennis

Tsui Brothers Easily Beat Kitchell And Razack

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pai, the present Colony Doubles champions, had little difficulty in this year's tournament when they met I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell on the Hongkong Cricket Club courts yesterday. The scores were 6-2, 6-3.

Never at any stage were they extended, and only intermittent volleying duels brightened up the match.

COLONY BADMINTON

YONG AND CHEW IN DOUBLES FINAL Silva And Oliveira Beaten In Three Fine Games

(By "Tinker")

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT in Hongkong to find an improvement on the badminton that was displayed in the semi-final match of the Open Doubles at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night, when K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew beat M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira by 17-18, 15-12, 15-5.

All four players were in excellent form, but the outstanding player of all was H. F. Chew. He even overshadowed the powerful Oliveira. His court-craft and cunning shots evoked much applause, and in the all-important second set practically ran himself off his feet saving points and returning winners. Oliveira was machine-like in his smashing. Anything high over the net was returned with extraordinary vim, and not a little accuracy.

Yong and Silva were less reliable. Both were apt to commit errors, but they nevertheless contributed their share of skill to one of the finest games yet seen in the tournament. The floor was hardly ideal for speed. It was slippery, and all four found great difficulty in keeping their balance. It was nothing unusual to see the players slipping clean off their balance following a difficult retrieve. Yong, especially, had trouble in this direction.

OPENING THRILLS

THE RECREIO pair jumped off into a 7-0 lead in the first game before the University pair showed anything like settling down. The lead increased to 11-3 before Yong and Chew staged a thrilling rally that carried them up to 10-11 before service changed hands again. Sustained rallies saw no change in the score until a brilliant angle shot started the Recrio pair off again. They led 12-10, and service changed hands.

Yong and Chew drew up to 12-11 and then went into the lead for the first time at 13-12. Oliveira served, but foot-faulted. Silva served, and on a fine smash from Oliveira levelled again at 13-13. The game was set at five.

Another fine smash from Oliveira gave the Recrio pair the first point. The score went to 2-11, and then the University pair led at 4-2. Amid great excitement Silva and Oliveira drew up to 4-11, and the very thrilling game was lost when Yong called "fault" to Chew who allowed the shuttle to drop—just inside the side-line.

FORTUNES REVERSED

OLIVEIRA and Silva set the pace again in the second game and led 4-0 before the University pair found their touch again. They were 0-4 down when they went into a 7-4 lead, took it to 10-5, 11-5 and 12-5 before the Recrio team scored one. At 13-7, Silva and Oliveira featured in a very fine burst in an effort to clinch the match. Five points were gained to their opponents' 1, but at 14-12, Yong and Chew came out top in a brilliant exchange to win the game at 15-12.

The Portuguese pair in the third set lost quite a bit of their former accuracy. There were several occasions on which they seemed unable to sight the shuttle, and made complete misses. Yong and Chew never relaxed, and ran into a 12-1 lead. There was no doubt, at this stage, who would be the ultimate winners. Silva and Oliveira stuck gamely to their great task, and lost a game that must have been as exhausting as it was exciting.

The winners will now meet C. Au and P. H. Wong in the final.

Boxing

ROYAL SCOTS AND MIDDLESEX IN INTER-UNIT FINALS

The finals in the Hongkong Army (Army) Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships will be held this evening at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, commencing at 8 p.m. when Royal Scots meet Middlesex Regiment.

Middlesex will be represented by several outstanding performers, including Pte. Moran, the Area heavyweight champion; L/Cpl. Wilson, the Area Novices' welterweight champion; and Pte. Noble, the Area and Battalion featherweight champion. The following are to-night's fights:

ROYAL SCOTS	MIDDLESEX
Pte. Bailey	Featherweight
Pte. Corrigan	Lightweight
Cpl. Brown	Lightweight
Cpl. Bayner	Lightweight
Pte. Cavanagh	Lightweight
Sgt. Elliot	Lightweight
Pte. McGready	Lightweight
Pte. Callaghan	Lightweight
Cpl. Kitchell	Lightweight
Bdms. Emerson	Lightweight
L/Cpl. Moore	Lightweight
Cpl. Cooper	Lightweight
Pte. Marshall	Lightweight
Pte. Alexander	Lightweight
Pte. Hope	Lightweight
Cpl. Phillips	Lightweight
Cpl. Milroy	Lightweight
Pte. Gibble	Lightweight
L/Cpl. Williams	Lightweight
D/Mr. Holdford	Lightweight
Pte. Gist	Lightweight
Pte. Zelon	Lightweight
L/Cpl. Wilson	Lightweight
Pte. Brindle	Lightweight
Pte. Fox	Lightweight
Pte. Moran	Lightweight

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\$61,250 From Derby Swoop

RECEIPT of the magnificent sum of \$61,250 from the Hongkong Jockey Club has been gratefully acknowledged by the Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distressed in China. This sum is a contribution as a result of the Sweep held on the 1940 Hongkong Derby at the Annual Meeting during February. The Board has made the following grant to the Foreign Auxiliary of the National Red Cross Society of China: For Quinine for South China \$10,000.

Home Soccer Results

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Home regional soccer leagues to-day:

SOUTH "A"	SOUTH	WESTERN
0 Arsenal	5	
Southend	0	
Bournemouth	Queen's P.R.	0
Everton	7	Stockport
	0	

Scottish

WESTERN	EASTERN
2 St. Mirren	1
5 Celtic	1
4 Morton	1
Arbroath	5
Dundee U.	10
Dunfermline	6
Falkirk	7
Hibernian	0
	Dundee
	0

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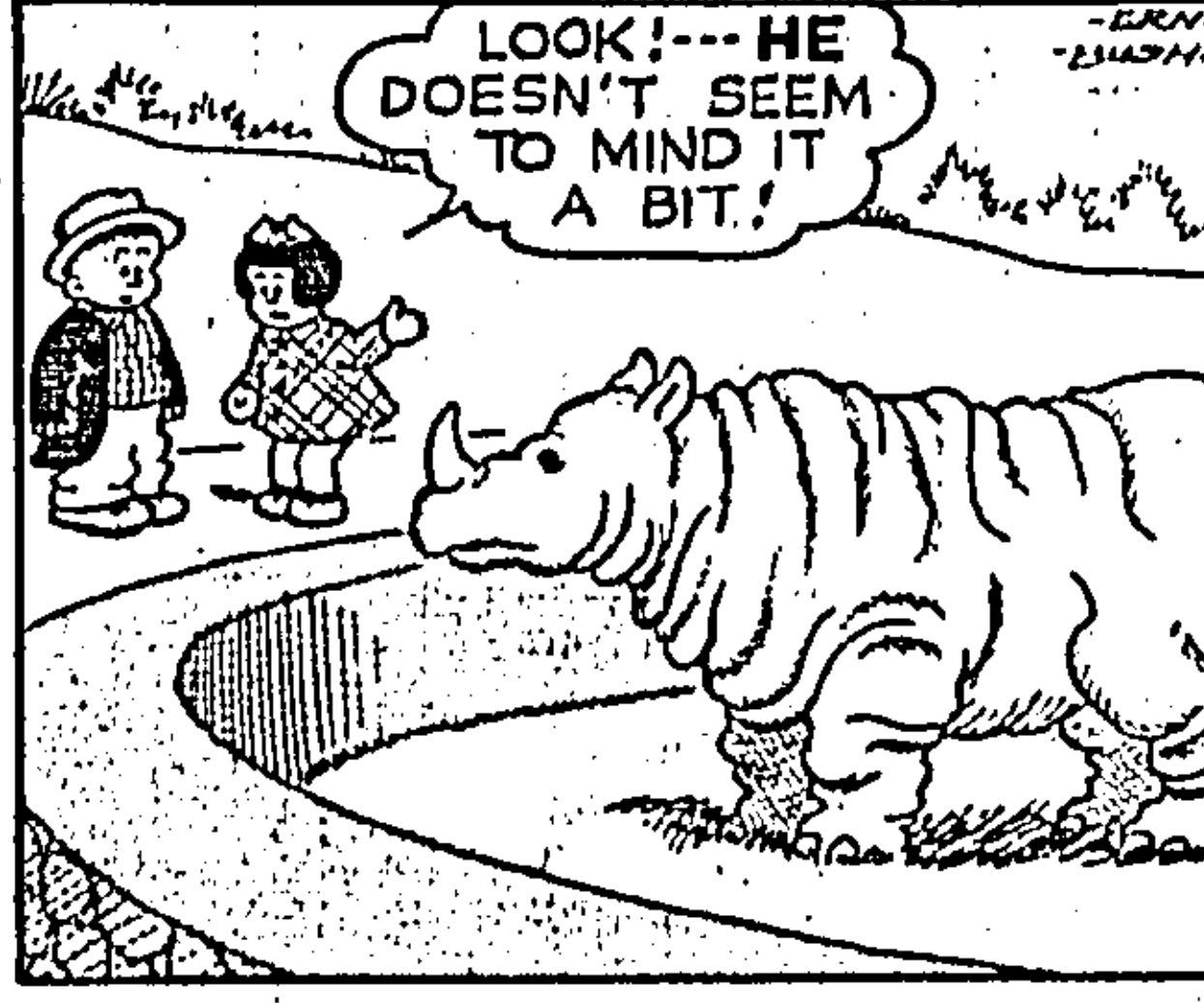


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Freak 'Platinum Blonde' Fox Starts Craze

Daily Express Staff Reporter

FOR a single fox fur, to be slipped over a woman's shoulder, the price of £2,750 has just been paid—the highest in memory for a single skin. The fur is a new, rare platinum blonde strain, called the platina fox.

This new costly delight for women springs from Plato and Pluto, a pair of freak fox cubs born in Norway a few years ago.

The strain was developed with the greatest care, and a rigid standard was set. Norway would not let a single living platina fox leave the country, so that the industry could be thoroughly controlled.

Not until last year were the first skins sold. Then eleven were auctioned in Oslo, for an average of £200 each.

There, experts consider, had not the perfection of the £2,750 specimen; but two of them are now being worn by royalty.

The record-priced fur was in a batch sent to New York, and auctioned this week. It was bought by Mr. I. J. Fox, a leading U.S. fur retailer.

One almost exactly like it will be put up for sale in London to-day. It has a white neck and a white nose, and a white streak runs between the eyes. So far only a few more than 700 platina furs have come into the market. Three hundred of these will be offered in London to-day, and fur king of the world will send representatives to the sale.

It will be held in the Hudson's Bay Company's hall in Great Trinity-lane, off Queen Victoria-street, E.C. Dealers in countries all over the world have competed for the comparatively few skins that have so far become available.

An expert said yesterday: "I have never seen anything so lovely as these platina foxes."

"They have all the beautiful silky look of the finest silver foxes, but they stand out because of their glorious tone and shade."

Chinchilla is usually regarded as the most costly fur. These animals, ten inches long, which originally came from the Andes in South America, are worth £360 a pair alive. A chinchilla coat may cost £10,000 or more; there are only a few in the world.

Captain Told "Sparks" Not To Be A Fool—

STAYED TILL HIS SOS WAS THROUGH

"RICHEST GIRL" MAY RE-MARRY

An early wedding in the United States for Countess Reventlow (Barbara Hutton) and Mr. Robert Sweeney, the golfer, is predicted by reports from Palm Beach published in several New York newspapers.

Countess Haugwitz-Reventlow, formerly Princess Mdiani, was originally Barbara Hutton, heiress to the Woolworth millions. She married Prince Alexis Mdiani in 1933.

IF YOU MEET any of the 72 survivors of the Blue star ship Sultan Star, torpedoed in the Atlantic by a U-boat, they will tell you nothing of their experiences.

But they will say a lot about the courage of one man—their wireless operator, P. G. Winsor, of Greenford, Middlesex.

Winsor, spent the 20 minutes from the time the ship was struck until she disappeared beneath the sea tapping out S O S messages, waiting for the answer, that came only at the last moment.

When Winsor left the ship all the others were in the boats. Round the ship they rowed gently, shouting to him, "Don't be a fool; come off."

He would not quit. The men in the boats refused to leave him, and stayed as near as possible so that they could pick him up.

All the time they were in danger of being sucked down with the ship.

Told To Go

Captain W. H. Bevan, of Cardiff, was on the bridge when the ship was hit.

"There was a terrific bump," he said. "I had read about torpedoes, and imagined that these days they must be much more deadly than those used in the last war."

"At first I did not think we had been torpedoed. I thought we had hit something."

"I ordered Sparks to send out an SOS. The ship was on an even keel then, and going down by the stern."

"When she started to stand up, with her bows almost perpendicular, I thought it time to get into the boats, so I told Sparks not to wait for the 'All-clear'—the indication that other ships had picked up his SOS."

"He reported that he would not go until he knew that help was coming. I told him not to be a fool and risk his life. He still said 'No.'"

"When we were in the boats we saw that the water had reached her funnel. It was the most amazing sight to see it pouring in."

"Sparks was still on the bridge. 'She slipped down like a lady and almost kissed us goodbye, but we were afraid she would take the boats with her.'"

"Sparks at last came to the port side and slid down a rope. We had been waiting for him on the starboard side."

"When the ship had gone I saw him hanging to a hatch cover with a lifebelt round his neck, yelling to show us where he was. When we picked him up he was about all-in."

One man lost his life in the Sultan Star—George Taylor, of Liverpool, an engine room storekeeper.

BELIEVES DEADLY WAR NEAR

Says German Planes Can Destroy British Fleet!

PHILADELPHIA, (UP).—London, Paris, Berlin and the other great cities of warring European nations are doomed to destruction "as soon as the nations finally are aligned diplomatically," believes Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, America's foremost ace in the World War.

Rickenbacker predicted the annihilation of the British fleet by the Nazi air force if the Germans decide to pursue such a course.

"Three or four planes attacking a battleship may be shot down," Rickenbacker said, "but when the planes start coming over in waves, it's just a matter of percentages."

Fliers To Be Wiped Out

"Eventually, we will see London, Paris and Berlin destroyed by gas and fire caused by planes, but 90 days after aerial warfare really starts the trained pilots of both sides will be dead because of improved anti-aircraft fire. Then both sides will go back to trench and dugout, with only occasional aerial bombing."

The World War ace, who brought down 26 German planes in 1918, estimated the average expectancy of war pilots at 30 days, once aerial warfare starts in earnest.

Pilot's Life 30 Days

"But it will be worth it," he said, "not to the pilot but to his military forces, because in those 30 days his power of destruction will be enormous."

Rickenbacker anticipated an alliance of Germany, Italy, England and France to fight Soviet Russia eventually, and urged that the United States stay out of the combat at all costs.

"If the United States goes in," he said, "we will have to maintain a standing army over there for the next 100 years after this war ends to see that another doesn't start."

Censors Can't Stop Them from Laughing

If laughter is a shield against adversity, Britain, France and—probably—Germany all are polishing their shields these days.

For the legions of Europe still laugh come what may to-morrow. In the factories at the front, or on the farm, civilians and soldiers continue exchanging anecdotes of the day, probably with that well-worn preface, "Stop me if you've heard this one, but—"

And then the joke begins. If it is an English lube it may run thus:

"The only real trouble with German minorities, you know, is that they are ruling Germany."

Or it is a French humour: "The Germans make war without declaring it; and the Allies declare war without making it." And this leads to a similar one. "The civilians ask when the war will end; and the soldiers ask when it will begin."

Hark The A.R.P.

Every war produces its characteristic jokes. But modern strife, complicated by extensive regulations and restrictions, affects all levels and quarters of society. The blackout, of course, produced dozens of quips. Sometimes the humour of a period penetrates the attitude of people much more revealingly than an essay on civil and social habits. For example: "A. R. P. has given many people the chance to admire the beauty of the countryside to which they have been transferred and to see the pattern of the open road—now that it is really open. To Londoners it has given an opportunity of seeing the stars in their sky which used to be reddened by neon advertisements of stars on earth."

Not A Dull Moment

Signs of French and German humour seem more rare. But those who know both countries say neither Berlin nor Paris are overlooking the humorous episodes of the times.

A recent issue of a French newspaper remarked:

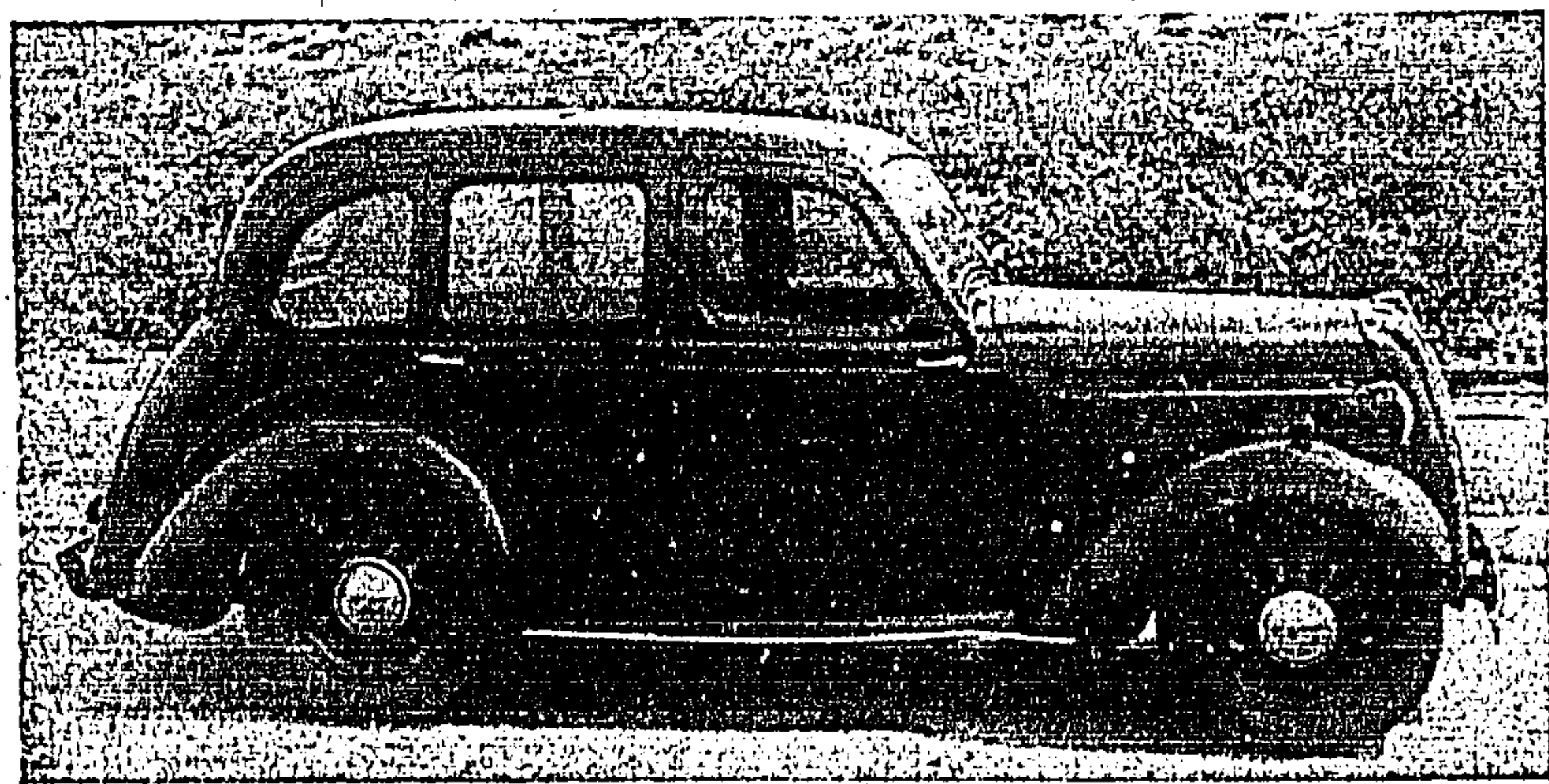
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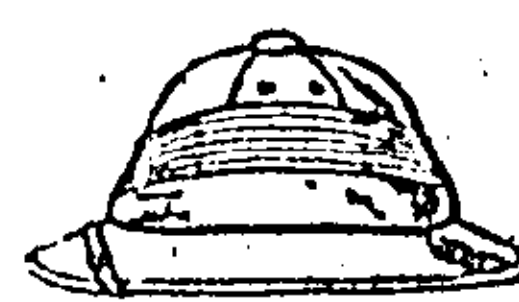
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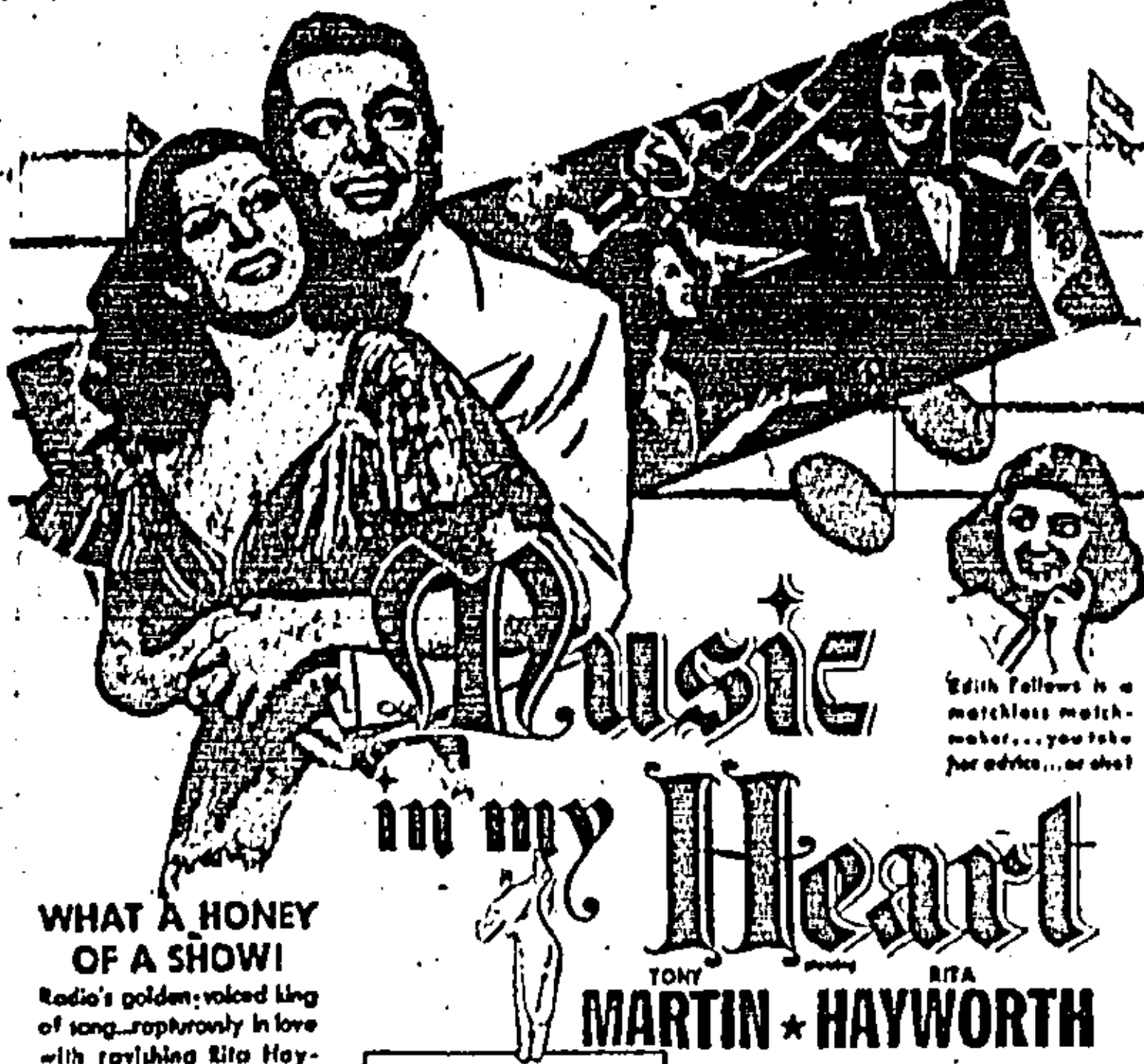
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RHODESIA RIOT

Police Fire On And Kill Ten Native Strikers

NDOLA, N. Rhodesia, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Ten natives were killed, nine seriously injured and 20 were wounded when troops fired on native strikers in the Nkana concession of the Luangwa district in Northern Rhodesia. The trouble started when 3,000 strikers sought to interfere with 150 other natives while they were drawing their pay.

Tear-Gas Ineffective
The Police endeavored to disperse the strikers with tear-gas bombs but as this was ineffective, the troops fired a few rounds.

This also failed to deter the crowd, so the firing was continued.

The troops refrained from shooting until the Police had suffered 14 casualties from stone-throwing.

Big Tanker Aground

Accident Off Ostend: Ship In No Danger

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, April 3 (UP).—The largest Belgian oil tanker, the Isso

Belgium (10,520 tons), belonging to the American Petrol Company, is

aground on a sandbank off Middle-

kerk, five miles west of Ostend.

The vessel was en route to Amsterdam when she grounded.

Efforts to refloat the ship have so far been unsuccessful and will probably be postponed until the morning, when it is hoped that the tide will help her being refloated.

The vessel is at present in no danger. The crew are still aboard and could easily reach the nearby shore if necessary.

LATE NEWS

LITVINOV VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 4 (Reuters).—M. Maxim Litvinov, the former Soviet Foreign Minister, is very seriously ill according to a Moscow report.

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\$786,000,000 Army Appropriation

WASHINGTON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).

—The Army appropriation of \$786,000,000 has been recommended to the House of Representatives by the Appropriations Committee.

This is \$87,000,000 less than President Roosevelt recommended.

Scapa Flow Raid Casualties

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Two

civilians and one serviceman were wounded by shell splinters during last night's German raid on Scapa Flow.

Otherwise no other reports of damage have been confirmed.

Posed by Mickey Rooney, and Lewis Stone, stars of M-G-M's Picture, "ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER," THE LATEST OF THE HARDY SERIES AND FUNNIER THAN "LOVE FINDS ANDY HARDY."



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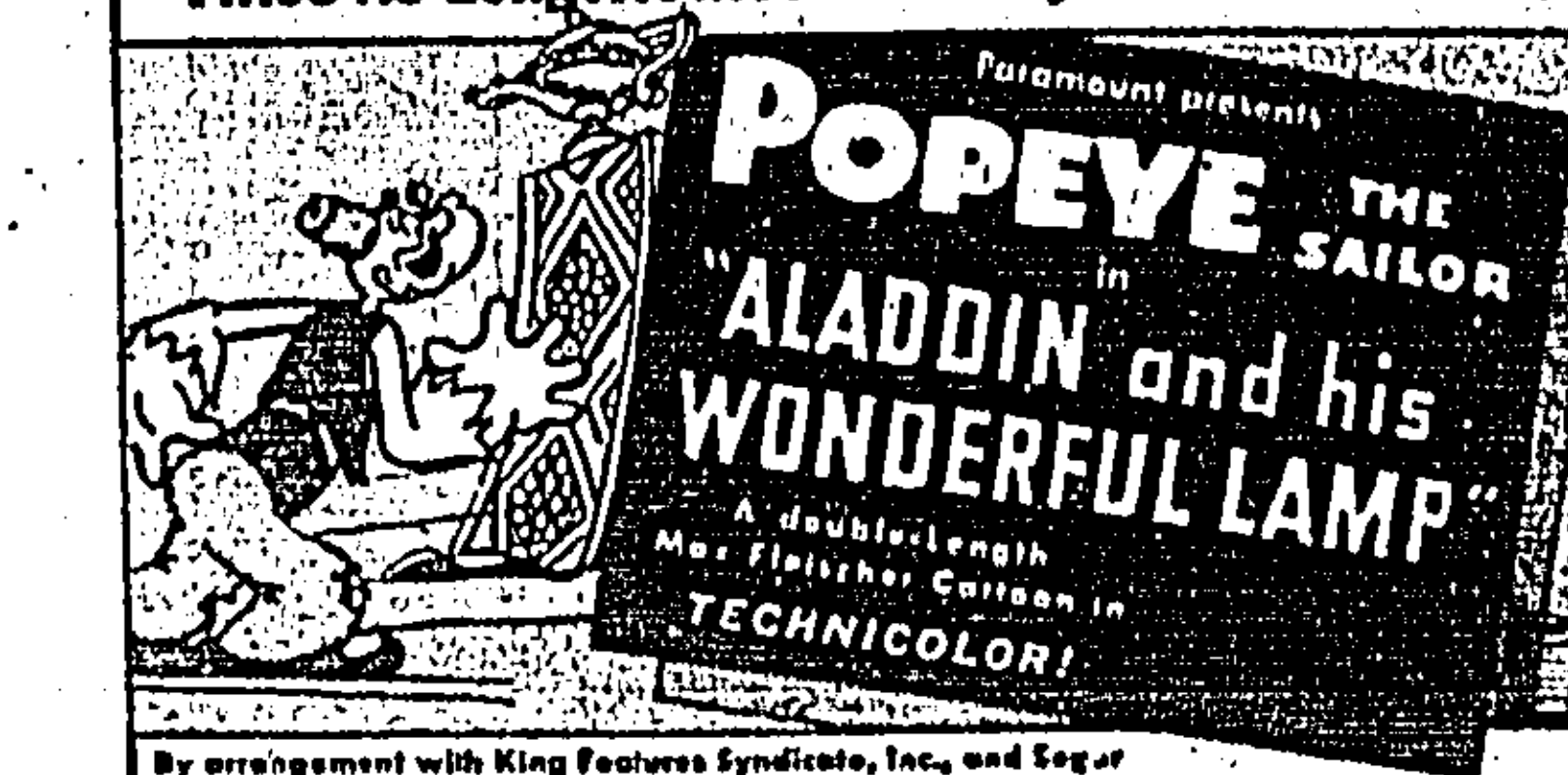
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"Tony Draws A Horse"

A. D. C. MAKE FRONT PAGE NEWS

SCINTILLATING PERFORMANCE

SELECTION by the Hongkong A.D.C. of a play that would give the public "something to really laugh at" as their second offering for the 1939-40 Season has resulted in the production of what is easily the most delightful comedy seen in Hongkong for many years.

"Tony Draws a Horse" was produced with a rush. It might have been expected that the dearth of amateur talent in Hongkong would have resulted in many shortcomings in a play which requires a cast of fourteen artists. There are no less than three sets for six scenes.

Far from suffering from imperfections, "Tony Draws a Horse" makes front page news. The cast, in last night's premiere, gave flawless performances in which principals and character artists alike share the honours for brilliant work.

Dialogue by Lesley Storm is scintillating, and all you are asked to notice is the obvious fact that the author was enamoured with the use of that "g" word in "G. B. Shaw's 'Pygmalion'."

Shelagh Mackinlay, as the bored wife - marriage Claire Fleming, carries off major bouquets with the most brilliant piece of acting of her career on the Hongkong amateur stage. She is ably seconded by Sunny Hole who, as the elderly Mrs. Parsons, is exquisite.

Claude Burgess (as Tim Shields) and J. Roberts (as a delightful Grandpa who is responsible for many of Tony's shortcomings) play difficult roles with perfection.

Andrew Mackinlay (Dr. Howard Fleming), Beryl Fair (Elise Parsons) and James Whitham (Alfred Parsons) are overshadowed by the generosity of the author in awarding his lines to the four players already mentioned, but play somewhat thankless roles without imperfection.

All the character studies are excellent. Augusto Hoffmeister, as the agitator with the unpronounceable name, J. M. X. Chollet, as the waiter, San Pringle, as Mrs. Smith, and Olive Green as Grace deserve special mention.

Apart from the fact that the B.W.O.F. benefits materially from the profits accruing from "Tony Draws a Horse," the A.D.C.'s new production, which will be at the China Fleet Club Theatre nightly for the remainder of this week, is worthy of the patronage of even the most critical Hongkong theatre-goer.

LONDON, APR. 3 (REUTER).—THE FOLLOWING CABINET CHANGES ARE ANNOUNCED:

SIR KINGSLEY WOOD, who was Air Minister, becomes Lord Privy Seal; SIR SAMUEL HOARE, who was Lord Privy Seal, becomes Air Minister; MAJOR G. C. TRYON, who was Postmaster General, becomes Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster; MR. HERWALD RAMSBOTHAM, who was First Commissioner of Works, becomes President of the Board of Education; LORD WOOLTON, who was formerly in the Ministry of Supply, becomes Minister of Food;

MR. MORRISON IS P.M.G.

MR. R. S. HUDSON, who was Secretary of Overseas Trade, becomes Minister of Shipping vice Sir John Gilmour, who died some days ago; MR. W. S. MORRISON, who was Minister of Food, becomes Postmaster General;

MR. G. H. SHAKESPEARE, who was Parliamentary and Financial Secretary of the Admiralty, becomes Secretary of the Department of Overseas Trade;

SIR VICTOR WARRENDER, who was Financial Secretary to the War Office, becomes Parliamentary and Financial Secretary to the Admiralty; SIR EDWARD GRIGG is appointed Financial Secretary to the War Office.

LORD CHATFIELD RESIGNS

ADMIRAL LORD CHATFIELD, Minister for Co-ordination of Defence, has resigned.

MR. WINSTON CHURCHILL remains First Lord of the Admiralty, but presides over a committee of Service Ministers which meets regularly with the three Chiefs of Staff as advisers to keep under constant review, on behalf of the War Cabinet, the main factors in the strategic situation, progress of operations and to make recommendations from time to time to the War Cabinet regarding the general conduct of the war.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

An official statement from the Prime Minister's residence states that the fact that certain Ministers are accepting less important offices is no reflection on the way they had conducted the business of their departments, but is solely due to the over-riding necessity of making the best use of every Minister's services.

Mr. Chamberlain's object is to secure full co-ordination of the work of the departments which have related functions, and to keep the War Cabinet informed of all questions of major importance.

Lord Chatfield will not be replaced as Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence.

The Minister of Supply will be added to Mr. Churchill's Defence Committee.

Chatfield's Resignation

Lord Chatfield in his letter of resignation stated that although a Minister for the Co-ordination of Defence is necessary in peace, his responsibilities in war are greatly lessened by the establishment of a War Cabinet, especially as his power to co-ordinate and make decisions must pass automatically into the Prime Minister's hands. He, therefore, placed his office entirely at the Premier's disposal.

Mr. Chamberlain replied that when he appointed Lord Chatfield, he felt that in the conditions which he then expected to prevail, Lord Chatfield's long sea experience would be invaluable. In fact conditions have proved very different from his anticipations. Nevertheless, the Premier expresses gratitude for Lord Chatfield's counsel and wise and skilful handling of all matters which had been of utmost assistance.

Mr. Chamberlain continued: "I am not contemplating changes which I believe will prove valuable in prosecuting the war, but which will somewhat reduce the functions with which you have been particularly associated."

He expressed the hope that it may be possible to find other means of "making your great abilities available for the benefit of the country in winning the war."

War Cabinet Reduced

The War Cabinet is now reduced from nine to eight members. The purpose of these changes is to

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ECONOMIC WAR

Position Reviewed By British Minister

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wire- less).—Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, disclosed in a speech broadcast to the Empire this afternoon that since the outbreak of war, the cargoes of over 3,000 ships of almost every nationality and from almost every port in the world have been examined by British Contraband Control bases.

The examination of ships at the various Allied Contraband Control bases was, said Mr. Cross, the most important of the three main functions which his Ministry was required to perform.

The second main function was the stopping of Germany's seaborne exports.

Washington Discussions

Referring to the unavoidable inconveniences which Allied measures against Germany's economic system must have on neutral interests, Mr. Cross said: "Since we are naturally anxious to limit such inconveniences to the absolute minimum compatible with our task of making war on the enemy, we are always ready to consult with neutral governments and neutral traders to see whether, without relaxing control, we cannot make things easier for them."

Representatives of British and French Governments, he said, were at present in Washington discussing such problems with United States authorities.

The third chief function of the Ministry of Economic Warfare was

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WESTERN FRONT

BLITZKRIEG SAID NEAR

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The "mushroom" growth of hospitals which have sprung up lately all over Germany, particularly along the Rhine, is giving rise to rumours among the civil population that Hitler is planning a gigantic and costly bid to smash through the Maginot Line.

In towns and villages, on ancient castles and modern luxury hotels, the roofs are being painted with huge red crosses on white backgrounds as a warning to Allied airmen.

Wherever possible the existing hospitals have been converted for a military purpose but in many places schools, monasteries, private hotels and famous castles have been pressed into use.

The luxury hotels at Marienbad, Karlsbad, Teplitz and other spas in former Czechoslovakia are also equipped to receive thousands of wounded whenever necessary.

Intensified Air Warfare

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A high military authority here, commenting on the intensive air activity of the past 24 hours says, "We are entering into a period of air warfare."

The French planes, guarded by fighter planes, have extensively made reconnaissance of inner Germany. The Germans lost at least three planes on the Western Front on Tuesday and may have actually lost seven in all.

The Allies lost two—one British and one French fighter.

Complete Failure Of Raid

To-day's communiqué says that the day had been quiet.

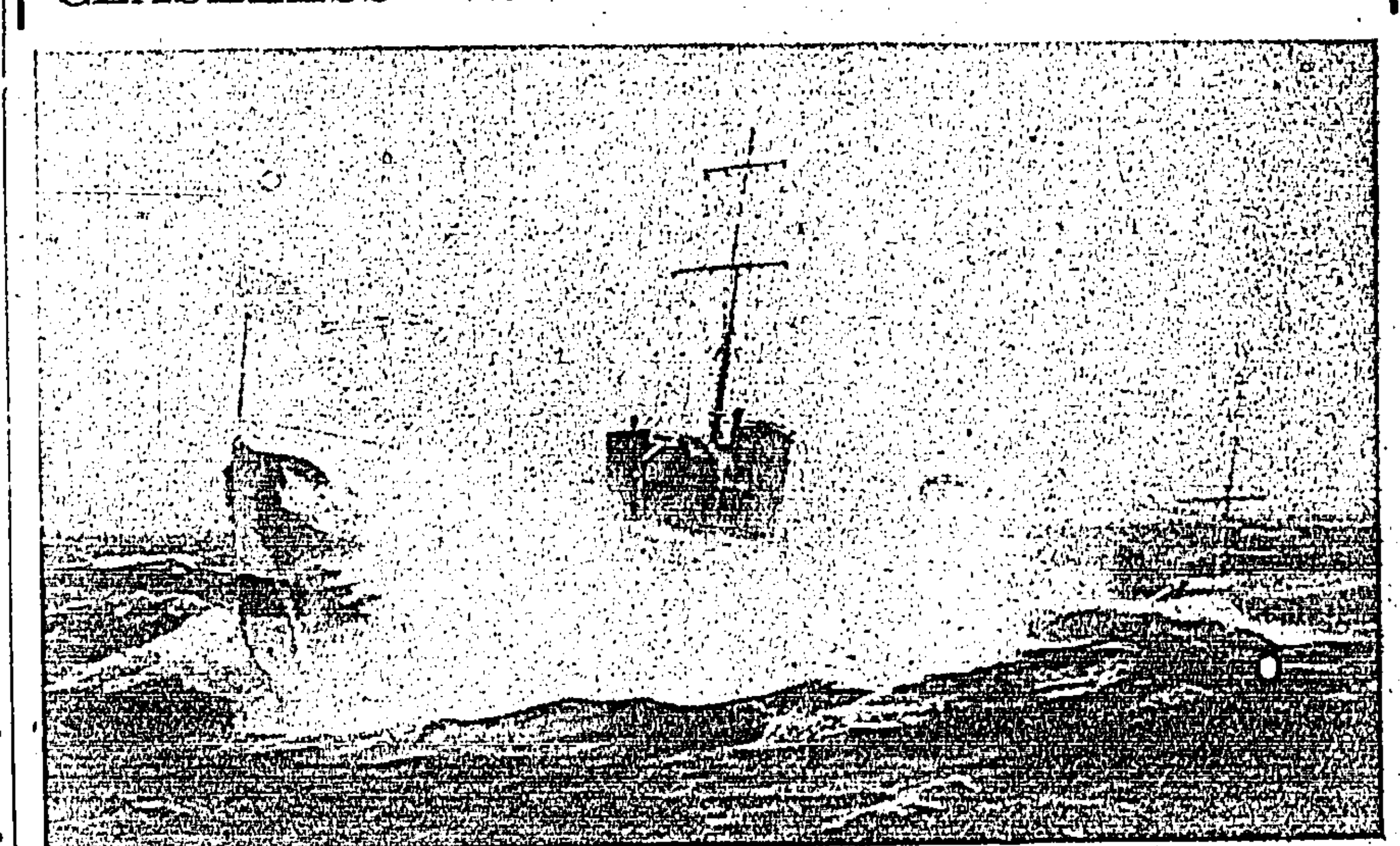
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Soviets May Convoy Pacific Ships

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

COPENHAGEN, April 3 (UP).—The "Berlingske Tidende" Berlin correspondent today reports that the Russian Pacific Fleet have been ordered to convoy Russian steamers if there is any attempt made at contraband control in that area.

CEASELESS VIGIL IN THE NORTH SEA



BRITISH WARSHIPS are steadily drawing the cordon tighter around Hitler's neck as the blockade of Germany becomes intensified. This dramatic photograph of H.M.S. Sturdy, just released by the British censors, shows H.M.S. Sturdy in heavy seas on patrol somewhere off the United Kingdom.—British Official Photograph.

FURTHER RAIDS BY NAZI PLANES

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—An Admiralty communiqué states that enemy aircraft attacked a convoy this afternoon and dropped 15 bombs without hitting any ship or doing any damage.

The aircraft were driven off by the fire of escorting warships. One Heinkel attacked another convoy but was driven off by a Fleet Air Arm aircraft.

Pilot Rescued

The first British plane to be shot down in coastal defence since the beginning of the war occurred when a Spitfire fighter was shot down by a German aircraft 12 miles off the Yorkshire coast today.

The pilot was rescued by a warship.

Five Nazis Rescued

Five German airmen, two of whom were injured, were landed at a Yorkshire harbour by drifter today.

It is understood that their machine was shot down by a British plane and the crew were picked up by the drifter which had used its only Lewis gun in the combat.

A Heinkel flew over the Shetland area today. English fighters went up.

Another German aircraft was engaged and shot down by an R.A.F. fighter off the north-east coast shortly before 1 p.m.

Unpleasant Surprise

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—German convoy raiders received an unpleasant surprise a few days ago when merchant ships retaliated with a heavy barrage of fire from an experimental weapon, which was being tested practically for the first time. The result was very encouraging.

Expensive Raids

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The German raider which was brought down off the Northeast coast of England today was the 61st. German plane to be destroyed during attacks on the coast and on shipping.

In addition it is believed that at least a dozen others have been damaged beyond repair.

The British authorities said no British planes have been destroyed in these attacks since the war commenced.

Another Plane Forced Down

COPENHAGEN, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Four German airmen landed this afternoon from a rubber boat on the Danish island of Samuø in Kattegat. They explained that their warplane was forced to alight on the sea.

VALLETTA, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta is suffering from pneumonia but a bulletin issued today said that his condition was satisfactory.

NEW GOVERNOR GENERAL

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—It is officially announced from Buckingham Palace that His Majesty the King has approved the appointment of the Earl of Athlone as Governor-General of Canada in succession to Lord Tweedsmuir, who died last February while still in office.

Personal A.D.C. to the King since 1936, Governor of Windsor Castle since 1931, Chairman of London University since 1932, the Earl of Athlone was Governor-General of the Union of South Africa from 1923 to 1931. He is the husband of Princess Alice of Albany. He will be 66 on April 11.

British Policy In China Is Defined

COMMONS CRITICISES CRAIGIE'S SPEECH

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Mr. Noel Baker, Labour M.P., asked the Government in the House of Commons to-day whether the terms of Sir Robert Craigie's speech made in Tokyo on March 28 indicated any change in the Government's Far Eastern policy.

He also asked whether it was intended to fulfil in letter and spirit the policy of support of the National Government of China under Chiang Kai-shek.

In replying, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under Secretary for Foreign Affairs, said that Lord Halifax had given attention to the speech in question.

"It is not customary on such occasions for His Majesty's representatives to submit the text of their speeches in advance," he said, "but the Foreign Secretary is quite ready to accept any responsibility for what was said."

No Suggestion Of Change

"Meanwhile I have been authorised by the Ambassador to say that he had no intention of suggesting that the British policy had undergone any change or that it had in any way diverged from what has been repeatedly explained to the House."

"It follows from this that there is no question of His Majesty's Government changing their view as to what they will continue to regard as the legitimate government of China."

"Nor is there any question of a departure from the general attitude which they have adopted towards the Far Eastern question or any modification in their desire to see a settlement."

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Singapore . . . Apr. 4.
Straits . . . Apr. 4.
Japan . . . Apr. 4.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date 27th March, Apr. 5.
Straits . . . Apr. 5.
Canton . . . Apr. 5.
Japan . . . Apr. 5.
Shanghai . . . Apr. 5.
Straits and Saigon . . . Apr. 5.
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 23rd Feb.) . . . Apr. 5.
Australia and Manila . . . Apr. 6.
Europe via Suez and Straits (London date, 2nd March) . . . Apr. 6.
Japan and Shanghai . . . Apr. 6.
Shanghai . . . Apr. 6.
Straits . . . Apr. 6.
U.S.A. Honolulu and Japan (San Francisco date, 5th March) Apr. 7.
Australia and Manila . . . Apr. 7.

OUTWARD MAILS

Thursday, April 4
Shanghai and Japan . . . 1.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai . . . 2.30 p.m.
Swatow . . . 2.30 p.m.
Amoy . . . 3.30 p.m.
Singapore, Bangkok, Mauritius, Reunion and Madagascar . . . 3.30 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island, due Thursday Island, 17th April . . . 3.30 p.m.
K.P.O.
Reg. 3.45 p.m.
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G.P.O.
Reg. 3.45 p.m.
Ord. 4.30 p.m.
Parcel only for Straits . . . 5 p.m.
Amoy . . . 7 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Aden, Egypt, Malta and Europe via Marseilles, due Marseilles, 4th May and London Parcels—due London, 12th May.
K.P.O.
Parcels . . . Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 3, 5 p.m.
Friday, April 5
Canton . . . 10.30 a.m.
Sundakan . . . 12.30 p.m.
Fort Bayard and Hoihow . . . 1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mombasa, Beira, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa . . . 2.30 p.m.
Haiphong . . . 3 p.m.
Saturday, April 6
Canton . . . 7.15 a.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai . . . 2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin . . . 5.00 p.m.
Shanghai . . . 5.30 p.m.
Japan . . . 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th April . . . 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O. and K. P. O.
Reg. Apr. 6, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 6, 5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A., by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th April . . . 5.30 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 6, 5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.
Reg. Apr. 6, 5 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 6, 7.30 a.m.
Sunday, April 7
Dairen . . . 8.30 a.m.
Monday, April 8
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America and Canada via San Francisco (No parcels for Canada only)—due San Francisco, 28th April . . . 8.30 a.m.
Kowloon P. O.
Parcels . . . Apr. 4, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 4, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 4, 5.30 p.m.
G. P. O.
Parcels . . . Apr. 4, 4.00 p.m.
Reg. Apr. 4, 5.00 p.m.
Ord. Apr. 4, 5.30 p.m.
Bangkok . . . 12.30 p.m.
Haiphong . . . 1.00 p.m.
Canton . . . 7.00 p.m.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

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NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS

The Thirty-fifth Annual General Meeting of Shareholders will be held at the Offices of Messrs. Dodwell & Co., Ltd., Hongkong & Shanghai Bank Building, on Monday, the 22nd April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 6th April to 22nd April, 1940, both days inclusive.

DODWELL & COMPANY LIMITED.
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The Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders in the above Company will be held in the Company's Offices, P. & O. Building, 5th Floor, on Thursday, 11th April, 1940, at 11 a.m. for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Managers together with a Statement of Accounts to the 31st December, 1939.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from Monday, 8th April, to Thursday, 11th, 1940, both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAIK & CO.
General Managers.
Hongkong, 2nd April, 1940.

H.K. Stock Market

The following quotations were issued on the Hongkong Stock Market this morning.

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H.K. Banks . . . 1,490 ea
H.K. Banks (Lon. Reg.) . . . £94 n
H.K. Banks (H.K. Reg.) . . . £93 n
Chartered . . . 93 n
Mercantile, A. & B. E. . . 31 n
Mercantile, C. E. . . 123 n
East Asia . . . 73 b

INSURANCES
Canton . . . 230 n
Union . . . 500 ea
China Underwriters . . . 85 ea
H.K. Fire . . . 185 s

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Shai Lands Sh. . . 14.40 n
Humphreys . . . 10 n
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Peak Trams (new) . . . 4 n
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Y. Ferries . . . 26 n
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Sincere . . . 2 n
Wing On (H.K.) . . . 44 b
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Shai Cotton Sh. . . 100 n
Zoong Sing, Sh. . . 85 n
Wing On Textiles, Sh. . . 100 b

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H.K. Entertainments . . . 0.80 b
Constructions (old) . . . 1 1/4 n
Constructions (new) . . . 1 n
Vibro Piling . . . 8 n
Ch. Govt. 5% 1925 . . . 52 1/2 n
G. Bonds . . . 52 1/2 n
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8,700 Scandinavians Assisted Finland

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—It is officially announced that Scandinavian volunteers fighting for Finland when hostilities ceased numbered 8,700, of whom 725 were Norwegians. Scandinavian casualties were 20 killed, 30 wounded and 10 missing.

C. R.

PARTICULARS & CONDITIONS of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on Monday, the 8th day of April, 1940, at 3 p.m., at the Offices of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor of one Lot of Crown Land at Ma Tau Chung, in the Colony of Hong Kong for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the KING, for one further term of 75 years.

Intending bidders are advised that immediately after the disposal of the lot the Purchaser (if not the applicant) will be required to deposit with an authorised officer who will be present at the sale, the sum of two hundred dollars, (\$200) in cash. This sum will be refunded on payment of the Purchase price.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.

No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
1	No. 4239	Junction of Ma Tau Chung Road and Ma Tau Chung Road, Ma Tau Chung	as per sale plan.	About 5,720	\$ 42	\$ 2,700

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No. of Sale	Registry No.	Locality	Boundary Measurements	Contents in sq. feet	Annual Rent	Upset Price
2	No. 2287	Junction of Boundary Street and College Road.	As per sale plan.	About 10,000	\$ 184	\$ 7,200

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
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Demand	1/2 1/4
T.T. Shanghai	350
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. Japan	62 1/4
T.T. India	21 1/4
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THREE-POWER MILITARY TALKS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons today, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that conversations had recently taken place between English, French and Turkish military representatives regarding the military application of the treaty of mutual assistance.

Pride Of A City Is At Stake LAUGHTON WON'T BE DR. JOHNSON

By STUART FLETCHER

THE fight is on. Literature, the film industry, and the pride of a city are involved. It started this way: Radio Pictures had an idea of making a film about Dr. Samuel Johnson, famous son of the City of Lichfield (which, incidentally, he deserted for Fleet Street).

ALLIES FOR LIFE

By BERNARD GRAY

France. SERGEANT Gordon Stanley, of Coventry, gave his answer to Dr. Goebbels to-day.

He walked proudly out of the mayor's office in a little French village behind the British Expeditionary Force lines with a French girl on his arm—his bride.

Only three nights ago, Dr. Goebbels's propaganda department reported that Viscount Gort, Commander-in-Chief of the British Expeditionary Force, had stopped the "increasing folly" of British soldiers marrying French girls and had said it was "prejudicial to the English race."

Sergeant Stanley downed the lie. He was married by the mayor in the presence of some of his own officers. I was at this first wedding between a British soldier and a French girl. The bride in the one previous British Expeditionary Force wedding was a Polish refugee.

The village street was packed with British troops, R.A.F. men, and French peasants as the marriage procession walked slowly from the bride's home—a cafe—to the Mayor or mayor's office.

Party for Troops

With my present of six pairs of silk stockings for the bride tucked under my arm I followed the procession into the simple white-washed office of the mayor.

Behind the officers came a crowd of soldiers and airmen in uniform. Bride and bridegroom, sitting down to be married, heard the mayor recite the formula of the French civil marriage ceremony.

"The husband is the head of the family," directed the mayor, reading the provisions of the French Civil Marriage Act.

"He must give aid and fidelity to his wife, providing her with a home and livelihood according to his capacity."

When husband and wife had agreed to take one another in these capacities the mayor handed the bridegroom the "Livret de Famille" or family book to be kept by the couple.

And afterwards the bride's mother gave a party to British troops and French peasants.

Realising the growing gulf between their two countries, they resolved, come what may, never to take up arms against each other.

The young Englishman, Albert Armstrong, of Coleford, Glos., told the Bristol Conscientious Objectors' Tribunal: "No Government decree can make us enemies."

He added: "We resolved to do everything in our power to foster good relations between our nations and promised each other never to take up arms or take part in any way in the criminal struggle between our countries."

Lost His Job

Since then, Armstrong said, his feelings had not changed. The promise stood as at least one non-aggression pact between Germany and England. He had lost his job because of his views.

Appealing to the tribunal to grant him exemption, Armstrong commented: "I feel, once I am in the Army, I am breaking my word."

Judge Wethered, the chairman, stated: "We are satisfied that his views are genuine and sincere and go back some five years. Whether we agree with them is immaterial."

Armstrong was registered on condition he continues to work as a chemist or dispenser.

But when it was suggested that Charles Laughton should play the part of the plain-spoken doctor he refused.

"Johnson?" said Laughton. "As far as I can discover, he never did anything but sit on his fat rump and make cruel remarks about other people."

Rude to Boswell— "I don't suppose," was the retort by Mr. P. Lathwaite, secretary of the Dr. Johnson Fraternity, "that Johnson's rump was any fatter than Laughton's."

"He was only really rude to people, like Boswell, who used to irritate him by asking perfectly absurd questions."

"Anyway I don't think you could make a film about Dr. Johnson. There was," said Mr. Lathwaite scathingly, "no dramatic love interest in his life."

Mr. Phil Hyams, a leading film exhibitor, took Charles Laughton's side.

"I wouldn't say Dr. Johnson was despicable," said Mr. Hyams, "but do you think the British public has any interest in the man? I wouldn't back a film about Johnson, and I don't blame Laughton for turning it down."

Lichfield—or that part of it which the correspondent was able to question—was shocked by Laughton's attack on "the brightest literary ornament of the 18th century."

One citizen recalled that Macaulay, Tennyson, Disraeli, Thackeray, and Dickens all regarded Johnson as someone rather extra-special.

Another said: "Perhaps the real reason is that Mr. Laughton feels that his talents are inadequate to enable him to impersonate such a very great man as Dr. Johnson."

Your turn, Mr. Laughton!

400 GERMANS AWAIT 'CRUISE'

FOUR hundred more Germans living in East Africa are waiting for a British luxury liner to take them to Genoa, Italy, on the first stage of their journey home.

Like the 100 Germans who travelled in the Union-Castle motor-ship Durban Castle (17,000 tons), they will enjoy every comfort.

There will be the same allowance of £5 a head for beer and cigarettes during the voyage. This alone will cost the German Government £2,000.

The Germans are being sent home to save the expense of maintaining them as internees. Every care is being taken to see that no one is released who could be of any military value.

Technicians, ex-officers, and men likely to make good soldiers remain interned.

When he got a short leave he decided to visit his uncle.

There are more than half a million people in Sheffield, more than 500 of them called Green.

So Green the soldier, who had no address to go to, became Green the detective.

He consulted directories, got addresses of Greens all over Sheffield, visited almost every suburb, called at a church and steel works for information.

Twelve times he knocked at the wrong door.

The thirteenth house at which he called, in Wisewood-road, Sheffield, was his uncle's home.

"You obviously cannot conscientiously object to war since you are helping to make guns."

HYMN OF HATRED

Nazi Tirade Against Mr. Chamberlain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, April 3 (UP).—

Germany's Hymn of Hate blared at full strength to-day, in newspapers, radio broadcast and Nazi speeches.

It was directed mainly against Mr. Chamberlain.

The Premier's statement, in the House of Commons on the extension of the Allied blockade, said a statement issued by the Propaganda Ministry, revealed Britain's intention to treat the rights of neutral Powers as being non-existent.

"It is evident that England intends to use force against the neutrals," the Ministry told foreign correspondents.

Hunger War— "This is nothing less than a formal declaration of 'humane' war against women and children," said an official Nazi source.

"England prefers a hunger war to a military show-down."

"England wants to snatch Norwegian oil, Swedish ore and Rumanian oil from under the very noses of German traders."

"England demands that neutrals export only so much of their vital materials to Germany with a brutality that has no example in history."

"One may be certain that Germany will answer such brutality."

Patriotic H.K. Hawkers

CHUNGKING, Apr. 4 (Central).—

General Chiang Kai-shek has issued an order commending the patriotism of Chinese hawkers and merchants in Hongkong who recently raised and remitted \$4,000 to the National Military Council as a comfort fund for Chinese front-line troops in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

SALVAGING FOR SCUTTLED SHIPS

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" MOSCOW, April 3 (UP).—

Attempts will be made by Soviet salvage vessels to raise six Finnish ships which, it is alleged, the Finns deliberately scuttled in the Bay of Koivisto prior to evacuation.

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—The Postmaster General announces that the England-South Africa air mail service will now operate twice instead of once weekly.

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MAGAZINE PAGE

I was on the DEUTSCHLAND

I AM one of the very few "foreigners" who have ever been shown over the pride of the Nazi Navy—the 10,000 ton pocket-battleship, Deutschland.

I arrived at the top of the gangway to the accompaniment of the normal ostentatious Teutonic heel-clicking, to be met by my host—a typical young Prussian.

The Deutschland's quarter-deck was much the same as most warships', but somewhat restricted in area owing to the presence of two sets of quadruple torpedo-tubes on it, and dominated by the three eleven-inch guns of the after turret, whose name was Hindenburg (each gun turret in German ships has a name of its own).

As I climbed the ladder from the quarter-deck to the upper deck I was able to observe closely the armoured plating of Hindenburg, and if it was any indication of the armouring of the rest of the ship, then the pocket-battleship may be more accurately called armoured ship, which is just what the Germans do call it—"Panzerschiff"—not "Schlachtschiff," as they call a battleship.

Just forward of Hindenburg were the Admiral's and Captain's quarters, with a seaman sentry—drawn bayonet in hand—outside the door. The ship was exceptionally clean, and the men remarkably dressed in their customary loose white "blouses," ordinary sailors' trousers, and their "long-tailed" cap ribbons, inscribed "Panzererschiff Deutschland," which hang, pig-tail fashion, down their backs.

THE "Fahrerzimmer" (Junior Officers' Mess) was the next place in our itinerary.

It was not even comparable to a British Gunroom—its nearest equivalent being very uncomfortable and much too small for its twenty inmates.

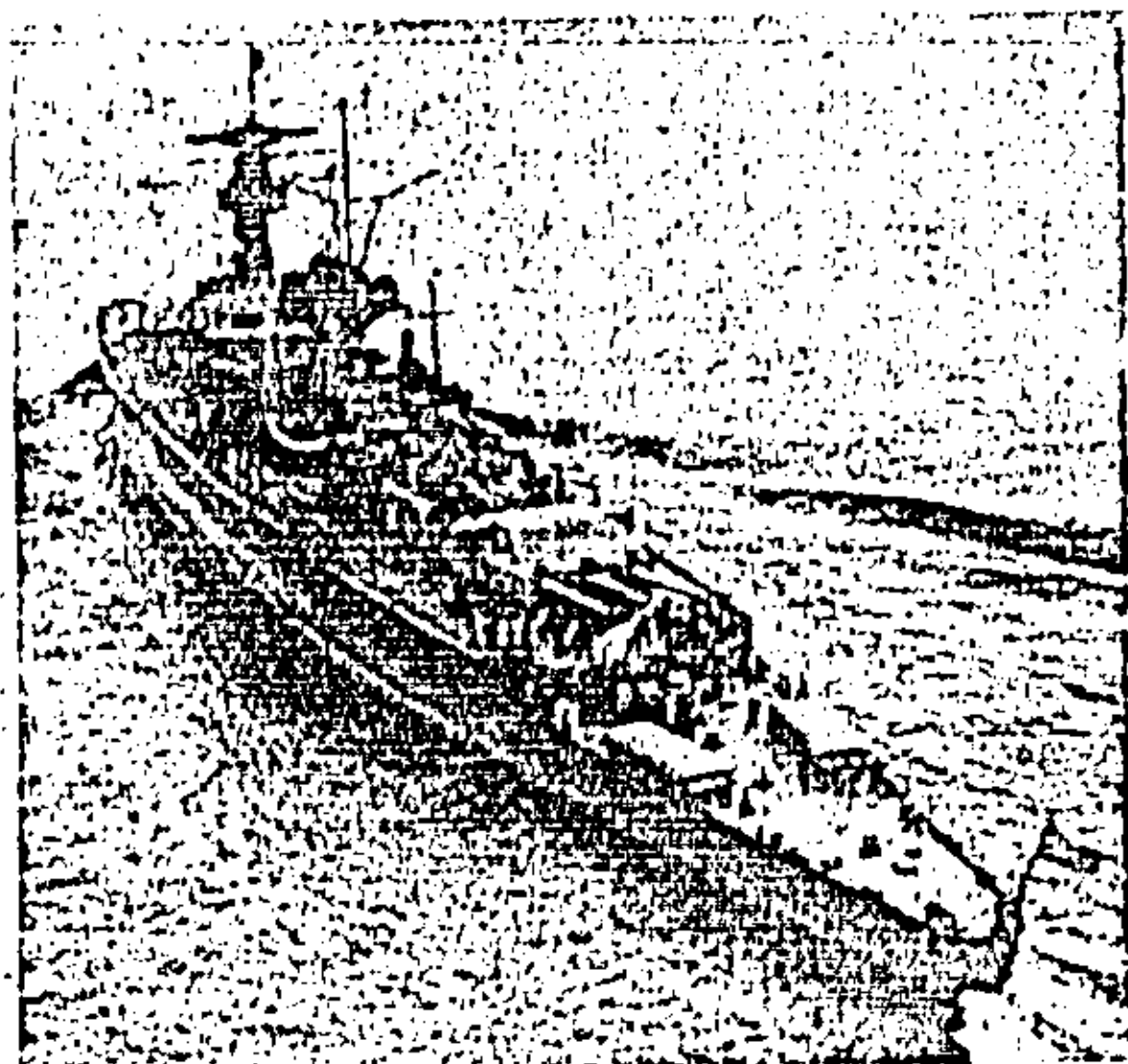
The German "Fahrerzimmer" has no real equivalent in the British Navy, as, although he is ranked with a Midshipman, he is considerably older and much more fully trained, and is also able to specialise in Gunnery, Torpedoes, Navigation, or Engineering at this comparatively early stage, before he is promoted to "Unterleutnant"—Sub-Lieutenant.

The pros and cons of the wisdom of this method raise far too many highly specialised and controversial questions to be discussed here. The "Fahrerzimmer" is, however, only the Fahrer's living and study space, he messes with the other officers in the Wardroom, which is very large and luxurious in the Deutschland, paneled in light oak, light, lofty, and stretching almost the full width of the ship.

On entering it must be greeted with the customary Nazi salutation, but the Quarter-deck—saluted by seamen through the ages—is apparently not entitled to recognition by the Nazis.

The inevitable picture of the Führer—actually smiling—hung in the Wardroom, but here it had competition in the shape of another picture, that of Hindenburg.

But even in 1938 the German Navy was definitely the Nazi Navy, although the officers tactfully refrained from talking politics or indulging in that obscene Nazi habit of thrusting down the throat of the victim tales of the wisdom and



goodness of their Leader, and of the wonders and advantages of life in the New Germany.

However, they had most excellent work in the Wardroom—doubtless the work of Herr von Ribbentrop, who had not yet risen to the shaky heights of the Nazi hierarchy—and a piano well played by one of the officers.

Forward of the Wardroom were two narrow corridors leading forward, looking exactly like those long corridors in liners, enamelled a fawn colour, well lit, with the officers' cabins opening through polished mahogany doors on the outboard side and bath-rooms, store-rooms, etc., on the inboard side.

At the end of the corridor was a watertight door, leading to the fore-part of the ship.

THROUGH this door we continued our way forward, passing the engine-room doors—"verboten" to me—to the crew's mess-decks.

These were much the same as our own, except that the wooden mess tables and benches were stowed overhead when not in use, leaving a large and apparently pointless empty space.

This space was very clean, well-scrubbed floors, the walls enamelled a blue off-white, and plenty of scuttles for light and air.

Painted on the bulk-heads—only about thirty feet apart, even above the waterline—was the name of the compartment and, in compartments below the waterline there were also blueprints on boards showing the plan, cross-section and elevation of the ship at that point, and full details of the pumping, flooding and draining arrangements.

Hammocks, made of dark red canvas, were neatly lashed up and stowed in bins where convenient.

Forward of the mess-decks was the "canteen." This was an elaborate affair looking very like any small German "Bierstube," with small mahogany-topped tables and light wooden chairs.

Forward again of this Bierstube was the Petty Officers' Mess, also a very fine large place, and conveniently situated. The greater part of the men of the Nazi Navy come from Bavaria oddly enough (hence the importance of the Bierstube), but the majority of the officers are Prussians.

WE now went up to the Navigating bridge, which was a very spacious semi-circular and totally enclosed space, with large square ports all round.

Inside it was a small armoured conning tower, again "verboten." Above this, by contrast, the Signal bridge seemed inadequately small, and above the "verboten" conning tower was a small armoured position rumoured to contain secret instruments.

Here my Prussian Gunnery officer guide got into his stride for the first time.

He was enthusiastically endeavouring to explain this scientific marvel to me in broken English and German mixed, when one of his more discreet comrades-in-arms pointed out that this was also "verboten," and I was hustled out.

This was a pity because, given time, this loquacious and boastful Prussian would have told me quite a lot about the five complicated looking instruments in there, which happened to be his action station.

The impression I received of the ship was on the whole good, but apart from the fact that so much had been contained in so light a tonnage (10,000), which is more an engineering achievement than a fighting quality, I do not think that either she or her two sisters—Admiral Graf Spee and Admiral Scheer—constitute a grave menace to our Navy.

A. H. FORBES

GRIN AND BEAR IT By Lichty



"Dear, Sir John Simon wants 9½d. more than you said I should give him!—Do you want to talk to him?"

THE CAMERAMAN

CHARACTER PICTURES

CHARACTER studies make interesting pictures. Choose a subject whose face is marked by character and experience, and you have opportunity for a real picture—perhaps a whole series of pictures.

Elderly persons are usually chosen for character studies—but there's no reason why a younger person can't be used, or even a child.

For example, a picture of Johnny pouting over his spinach, or trying to puzzle out an especially hard problem in arithmetic.

Try to make your picture truthful to the character.

Sometimes the face alone is sufficient for the picture. In other cases, you may want to show the subject in his or her normal setting.

For example, a sweet-faced grandmother in her favourite chair by the window, busy with her sewing basket.

These accessories, the basket and chair, would help explain the subject. They would also add truth and natural quality to the picture.

When the face only is shown, a plain background is best. With most cameras, you will have to include more than the subject's head. However, when an enlargement is made, everything except the head can be masked out. The picture above was enlarged in that manner—the original negative included the subject from the waist up.

CHARACTER pictures can be taken indoors or out.

It's fun to take them indoors with photo lights, for then you can try different lighting effects, and choose the one that brings out the subject's character to best advantage.

It's also fun to create characters for pictures, by means of costume and make-up.

Dig down into the family trunks or storage boxes, and find some old-fashioned dresses or outmoded suits. Have members of the family dress up in these, and pose for a series of "old family album" pictures.

Also, try creating characters—such as a pirate, or an old-time scissor grinder.

This isn't difficult, for with a little cleverness, you can improvise various costumes easily, just from materials you find around the house.

Making character studies will develop your skill as a photographer—and it's a type of picture-taking you should know. Try it—you'll have plenty of fun.



Character studies make interesting, truthful pictures—well worth having in your snapshot collection.

SCIENCE

DEATH FASTER THAN LIGHTNING

NOT even the creators of "Buck Rogers", of comic-strip fame, ever envisioned a death ray that would kill as rapidly as a lethal radiation recently produced by Dr. H. C. Rentschler and Milton Hoyt at the Westinghouse Lamp Division research laboratories in Bloomfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.

In less than a hundred thousandths of a second—about the time a lightning flash needs to get well started—this death ray kills every living organism within its range, and none escapes! There is no forewarning—merely sudden death.

Produced by a variant of the now familiar Sterillamp, the radiations are being used experimentally to determine the ultraviolet sensitivity of various types of bacteria and other microorganisms to short exposures.

A MINIATURE pool, formed by cementing a brass ring on a microscope is filled with a few drops of liquid organic culture.

By means of a microscope and a projector, images of the organism are then projected on a screen at a magnification of about 200 diameters. Bent around and slightly above the pool of culture is a short Sterillamp,

connected to a source of direct current through a spark gap with spherical electrodes. Connected across the direct-current line is a bank of capacitors, which store up electricity until the breakdown voltage of the spark gap is reached. At that instant all of the energy stored in the capacitors is discharged through the Sterillamp and causes it to emit powerful ultraviolet radiations.

The reaction on an observer is startling: Hair-raising, ovate paramedial dart aimlessly hither and thither about the illuminated screen. One becomes fascinated by their senseless scampering. Then a sharp cackle as the spark gap flashes, and there is no more movement. The organisms do not slow down gradually; they stop instantly, most of them partly exploded by the intensity of the death ray.

WHAT practical application such a device is likely to have is anybody's guess.

Where periodic rather than instantaneous irradiation of an infected area is desirable, this device might be useful. In the meantime, a demonstration of this lightning-fast bactericide is planned for visitors to the Westinghouse exhibit at the New York World's Fair in 1940.

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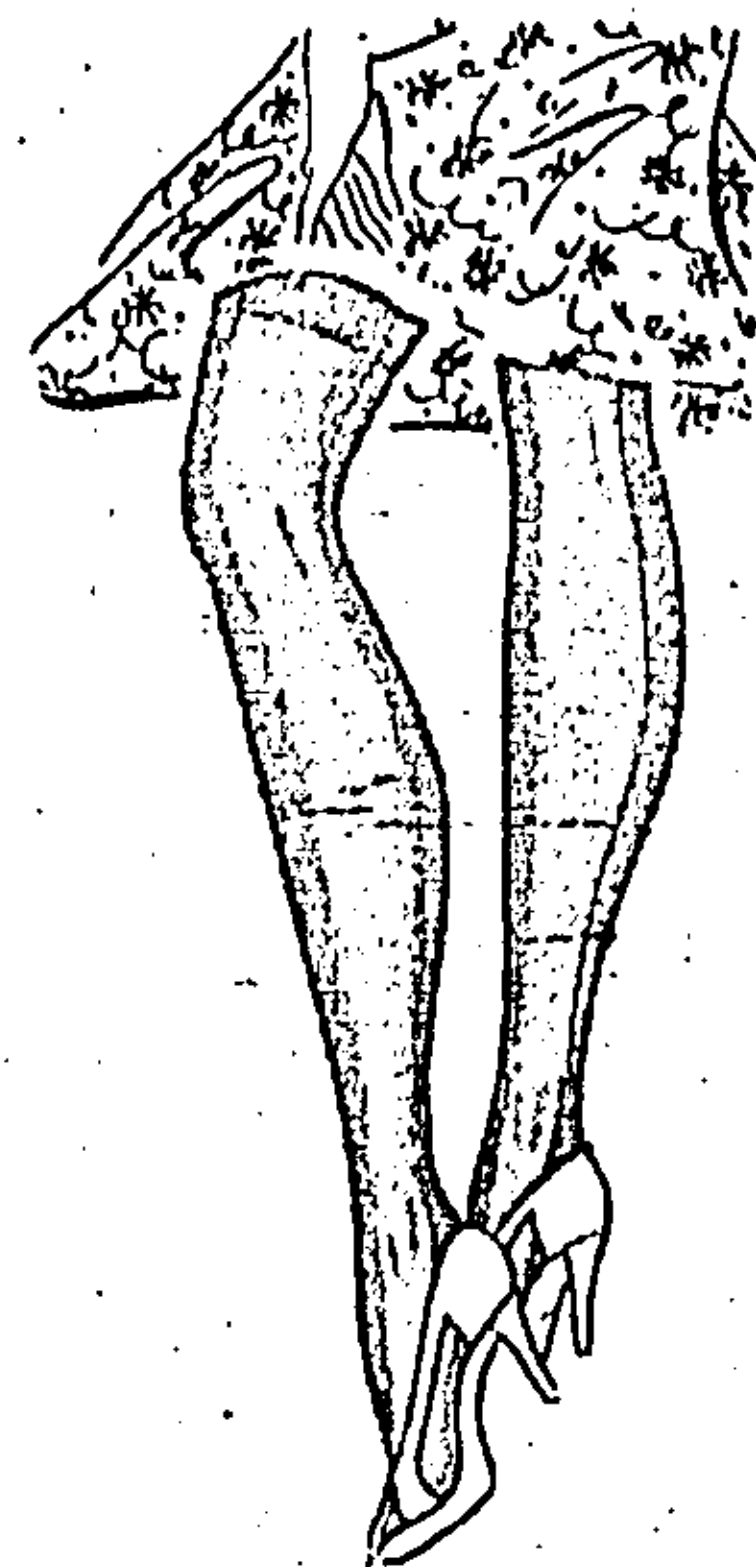
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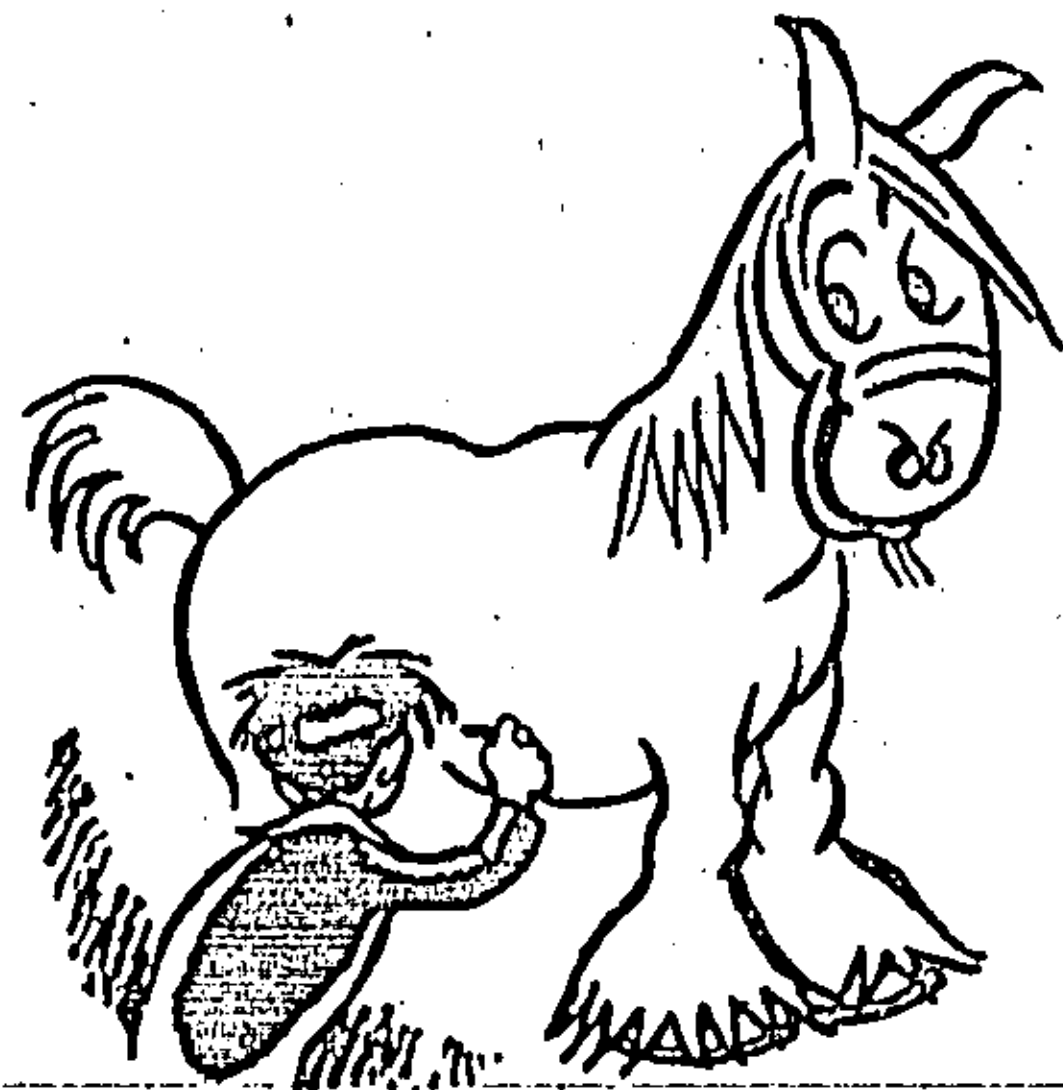
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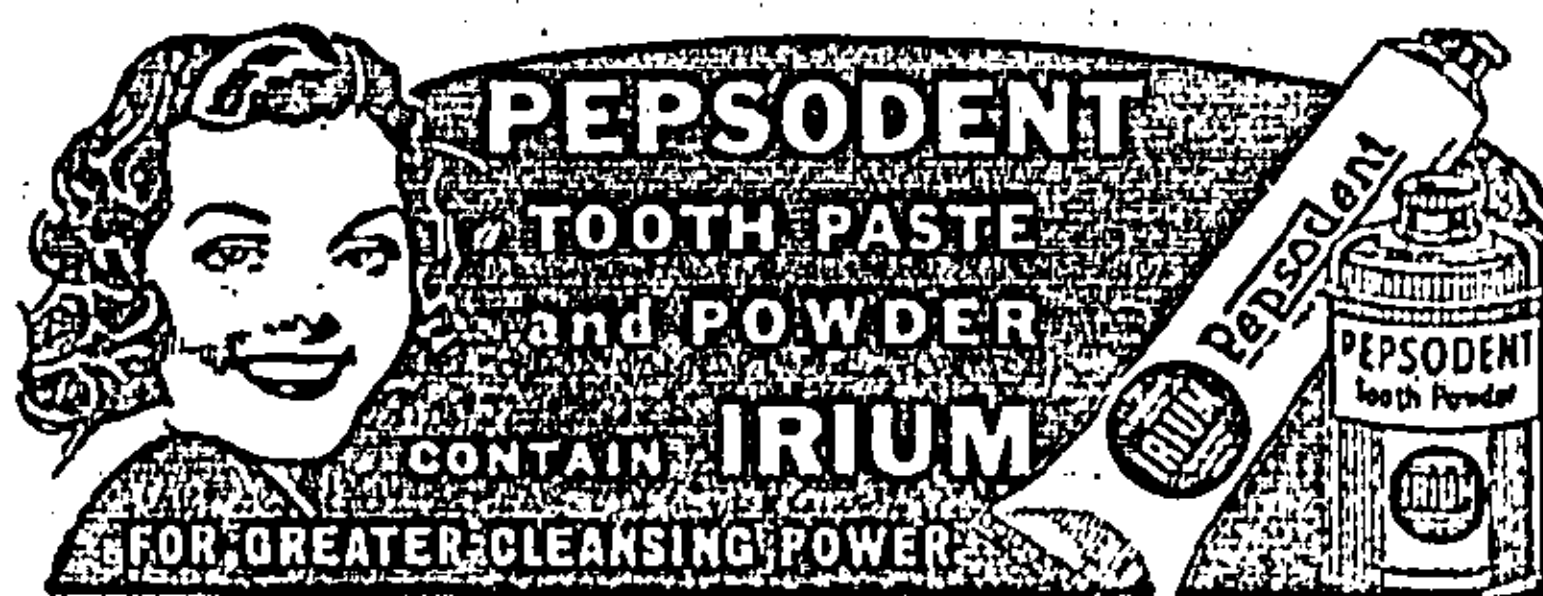
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RHODESIA RIOT

Police Fire On And Kill Ten Native Strikers

NDOLA, N. Rhodesia, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Ten natives were killed, nine seriously injured and 20 were wounded when troops fired on native strikers in the Nkana concession of the Luangwa district in Northern Rhodesia. The trouble started when 3,000 strikers sought to interfere with 150 other natives while they were drawing their pay.

The Police endeavored to disperse the strikers with tear-gas bombs but as this was ineffective, the troops fired a few rounds. This also failed to deter the crowd, so the firing was continued. The troops refrained from shooting until the Police had suffered 14 casualties from stone-throwing.

Anglo-French Solidarity

Schools To Make Big Contribution

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Further evidence of Anglo-French solidarity was given yesterday when Earl de la Warr, President of the British Board of Education, broadcast from Paris to the young people of France and England on the contribution which the schools of both countries could make towards Anglo-French unity. He pointed out that there was a sphere more important than schools where young France and young England are to-day picking their ideas and laying the foundations of their future lives.

The challenge to freedom would be answered in the immediate future by French and British arms, he said, but in the long view it was a direct challenge to the schools on the quality of the human beings they are turning out.

There must be full international understanding on the united front of the Western democracies, he said, and to this end the English schools were already engaged in special methods of instructing their pupils on the ideals of culture and the achievements of France.

New plans have been made and programmes drawn up for school broadcasts, films and lectures. An exchange of visit between teachers and children will also be arranged.

Strong Following For Roosevelt

MILWAUKEE, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Candidates who have pledged themselves to re-elect President Roosevelt gained the majority of votes in the Wisconsin democratic presidential preference primary to-day. The latest returns from 1,044 districts gave 169,210 votes to the candidates pledged to President Roosevelt and 58,806 votes to Vice-President Mr. John Garner.

3 To 1 For Roosevelt
NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Democratic Party in Wisconsin has voted 3 to 1 in support of President Roosevelt for his third term of office.

The other candidates supported Mr. John Garner, the Vice-President. In the Republican primaries also held here Mr. Thomas Dewey, the District Attorney of New York, was given a 2 to 1 lead over Senator Vandenberg.

In the somewhat complicated system of American politics one State's primary does not produce any concrete result, but the present result is regarded generally in the United States as an indication of President Roosevelt's prospects should he decide to stand for his third term of office.

BIG DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The number of registered unemployed in Britain in the middle of March totalled 1,121,213 which is the lowest figure since June 1929. This total represents a decrease of 304,000 since February which is one of the largest decreases in one month seen for many years.

Substantial Improvement
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Ministry of Labour announces a substantial improvement in the unemployment figures.

Between February 12 and March 11, the number of persons unemployed fell by 302,000 to 1,121,000. Compared with March, 1939, this was a reduction of 605,000.

A large part of the increase in employment was due to an improvement in the weather conditions, but in addition there has been a general increase in industry activity from other causes.

AXE MURDER ARREST

Detective Sub-Inspector Darkin, early this morning arrested Lo Kau, aged 26, in connection with the murder at Blue Pool Road, Wongmoh-chong yesterday, when an earth-coller was attacked by a man with a large axe.

The victim, Chan Ming, aged 40, was attacked while working on a building site just off the Blue Pool Road. His head was split open. The man died on his way to hospital.

RUSSIA'S HUGE BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Union Council of the Supreme Soviet to-day concluded their debate by adopting a final budget providing for revenue totalling approximately 184,000,000,000 roubles.

Expenditures total about 180,000,000,000 roubles including 47,000,000,000 for the Army and 10,000,000,000 for the Navy.

Tightening Blockade

New Not Yet Measured But British Measures

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—There is no indication yet regarding the character of the intensified blockade measures which Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons, learns "Reuter's" diplomatic correspondent.

It is obvious that in matters affecting Britain's relations with neutral Powers and involving questions of international law which Britain still recognizes and scrupulously practices, any new departure has to be considered from every angle and with the utmost consideration.

It is, therefore, felt in well-informed circles that some days have yet to elapse before evidence of the Allies' policy takes shape.

Important London Talks
It is expected that the various heads of British missions in the Balkans will reach London by the week-end so that talks can begin on Monday.

Great importance is attached to the opportunity of the presence of these experienced diplomats in London for talks with the Foreign Office.

It is obvious that Germany has been using methods of commercial pressure in the Balkans. There is no doubt about the sympathy of the Balkan states and the problem is to convince them that the Allies are in a position to save them from any German stranglehold.

In this connection the growing strength of the Allied army in the Middle East should prove a most useful card.

Intentions Obscure
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—While neutral newspapers are not over-concerned with the probable intensification of the blockade, Stockholm circles feel that the British intentions are at the moment obscure.

Mr. Chamberlain's hint that neutrals may find themselves barred from the Empire's resources unless they give Britain an assurance that they will limit their exports to Germany has caused some alarm.

This alarm is not caused by fear of Britain or the Allies, but by what Germany might do if neutrals give Britain the required assurances.

Difficulties Ahead
In the Netherlands, it is felt that the giving of such a guarantee is bound to expose neutrals to retaliatory action by Germany.

Practically the whole of the neutral Press agrees that a difficult time lies ahead of them.

In Italy, Mr. Chamberlain's speech is considered to herald a plan for rationing the neutral States by the Allies, where it is felt based on the assumption that quotas will be fixed on the level of pre-war imports.

S.M.C. ELECTION: NEW MOVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 3 (UP).—The leading American taxpayers here are discussing the possibility of requesting the Consular body to persuade the Municipal Council to postpone the local elections in view of the continued existence of abnormal conditions in Shanghai.

Opposition To Japanese
SHANGHAI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Japan's bid to gain control of the International Settlement is to be vigorously fought by the British and American communities.

The British and American election committees to-day decided to rally the voters round a platform and ask for the maintenance of the existing ratio of councillors—five British, two American and two Japanese.

LITVINOV VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 4 (Reuter).—M. Max Litvinov, the former Soviet Foreign Commissar, is very seriously ill according to a Moscow report.

Stock Exchange Is Quietly Steady

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly steady. Chinese loans advanced on unconfirmed rumours of the possibility of development in the Customs Loan position.

Gold-mining shares spurted shortly before the close of trading, while the movements of other groups were mainly small. Wall Street was steady.

HINTS TO NEUTRALS

British Press Justifies Blockade Threat

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The general line of comment in the Home press yesterday dealt with Mr. Chamberlain's speech. The papers are of the opinion that although the intensification of the blockade, which he forecast, may damage neutrals, in the long run they will benefit from any measure taken to shorten the war.

The "Times" says that we are dealing with a criminal nation. It is in the heat of battle some blows fall on the neutrals they must bear their injuries as patiently as they can.

Their Battle Also
It is their battle as much as ours, says the paper, and it is not unreasonable for us to ask the neutrals to apply a benevolent and not a strict interpretation of the laws of neutrality.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that Germany's criminal attacks on the neutrals justifies reprisals under International Law.

It means hardship for the neutrals if the blockade is intensified but the thing the neutrals will feel most and mention least is the feeling that if they fulfil the British demands it may involve them with Germany.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the neutrals may benefit from trade with the Allies but the resources of the British and French empires can only be permitted them if they limit their trade with Germany.

Economic strategy of this kind brings on peril to any neutral state.

Only Hope Of Survival
All know that their only hope of survival as nations is the overthrow of the Nazi Reich.

The "Yorkshire Post" comments that our policy is to treat Nazi Germany as a caged beast to be deprived progressively of the nourishment necessary for fighting strength.

A similar point is made by the "Glasgow Herald" which, however, goes on to say that we should not wait to see what Hitler is going to do. In the paper's opinion there should be other action against Germany as well.

The "Daily Express" insists that we must seek for other means as well of bringing the war to a close. We must adopt sterner methods and harsher measures.

Harsher Measures Demand
The "Daily Herald," while supporting Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the whole, does not like being told to wait and see.

The "Daily Mail" asks that concerted action be taken with Britain's three-pronged weapon, the navy, the resources of the Empire and monetary wealth.

The "News Chronicle" also calls for action. The best way of keeping up our spirits will be to show by deeds that the Allies really mean to give teeth to the blockade.

Little Man Goebbels Has Busy Day

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Great activity is at present being displayed by Dr. Goebbels, according to a message from the official German Radio.

Following yesterday's discussions with district leaders of the German propaganda system, Dr. Goebbels to-day saw the wireless officials of the State and the Reich party. It was announced that he gave them "instructions for the continuance of their work in this war which has been forced upon Germany by England and France."

The High Command of the German Army was also represented at the meeting.

PRINCESS ROYAL REVIEWS TROOPS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—H. R. H. The Princess Royal to-day reviewed the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at Aldershot.

She wore the uniform of Commandant of the A.T.S. and was received by Major-General Andrew McNaughton, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian forces.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

The Annual Children's Sports Meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association, postponed last Saturday because of rain, is to take place to-day at the Southam Playground, Wanchai, commencing from 2.30 p.m. Prizes will be distributed at 5.30 p.m. by Lady MacGregor. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Rawabindi Gift To War Fund

NEW DELHI, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Governor of Punjab to-day was presented with a contribution of £4,500 for the Viceroy's War Purposes Fund by the people of the Rawabindi district.

He said that it was fitting that the name of their district should be for ever associated with the example of the courage of the men of the British merchant cruiser, Rawabindi, which was sunk in the North Atlantic by the German pocket battleship, Deutschland.

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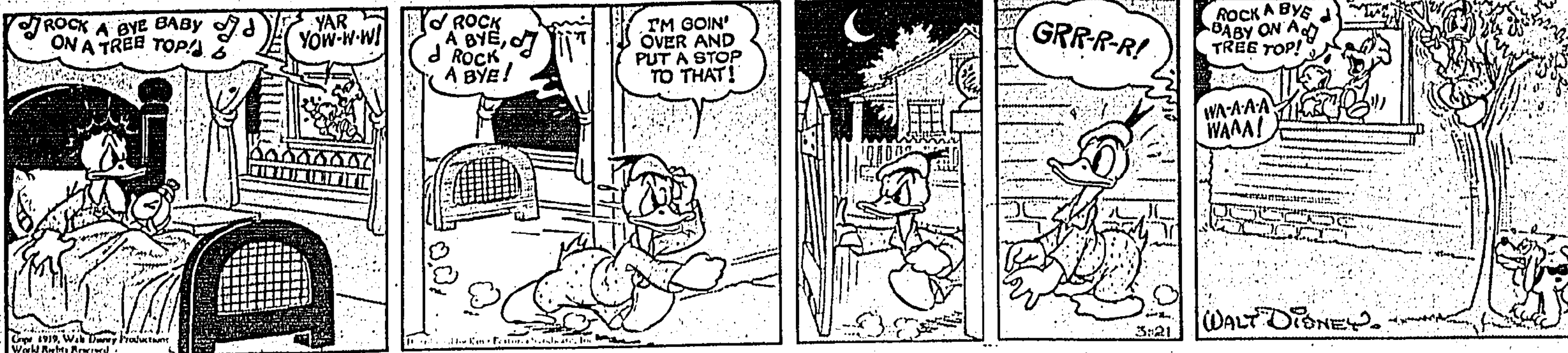
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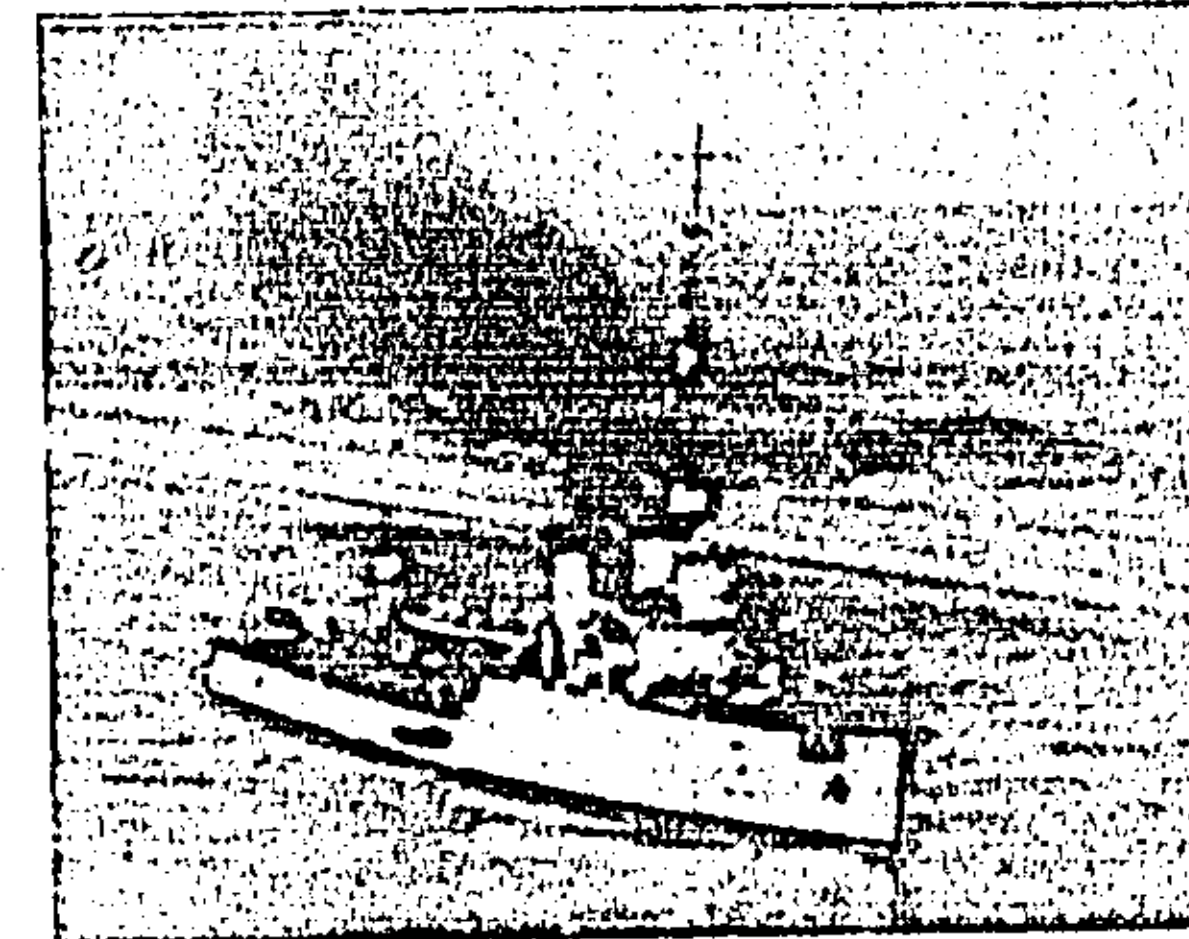
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ON Christmas Eve, after their five months' voyage by rail, road, and sea, the fleet was launched, cleaned up, and the guns and ammunition got ready for action.

Christmas Day was a well-earned holiday, but on Boxing Day at 9-40 a.m. the German Navy, in the shape of His Imperial Majesty's ships Kingani, a monster of 53 tons, was sighted steaming on a course that would take her straight past the harbour.

Simson waited till she was well past and then ordered his fleet to sea and made the signal to "Chase the Enemy."

He quickly overtook the Kingani and soon after 11-30 in the forenoon the action commenced. The Germans must have had the shock of their lives when they sighted the British fleet.

Guns were used at a range which was quickly reduced to less than 2,000 yards, and as the range decreased the rifles and quick-firing guns were brought into use as well.

The Mimi, using Lyddite shell, soon started hitting and in a short time the Kingani which at first had not been able to use her gun, as it would not fire astern, was badly hit.

The captain was killed, the gun put out of action, and some of the crew jumped overboard. The action was short and to the point.

Fires soon broke out on board and in less than a quarter of an hour the Kingani stopped and the engineer who was now in command surrendered the ship, which was brought ashore near the harbour as possible and beached in a sinking condition.

Misfortune now overtook one of Simson's ships, as the Toutou sank in a heavy storm—though as he had the Flt, this was not so serious as it might have been.

Later she was repaired and added to the British Fleet as H.M.S. Flt—a great asset as she had a 12-pounder gun mounted in her.

Eventually the Mimi closed to 4,000 yards and with the Flt a little farther off, the two put shot after shot into the German, hitting her in the engine-room and setting the ship on fire.

The Germans fought gallantly on till their ship sank by the bows, with her colour still flying. Twenty of the crew were taken prisoners.

There now remained only two German ships on this inland sea.

One was a small fast motorboat, which was sighted one day by Simson's fleet, and the commander at once ran her aground and set fire to her; the other was the Graf von Gotzen, a large ship of 850 tons.

Although she carried more guns than either of the other ships which had fought, her captain decided not to face an action and to sink her.

Simson's work was done, the lake was clear of the enemy, and another page of adventure and endurance, combined with two successful naval actions, had been added to our history.

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12.15 p.m. Short Service of Intercession.

12.30 Tino Rossi (Tenor) and the Orchestre Masecette.

1.0 Local Time Signal and Weather Report.

1.03 Bobby Breen and Wilfred Thomas in Variety.

1.30 Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.

1.45 Compositions of Debussy, The Children's Corner Suite, Walter Gieseking (Piano); Nait D'Etoiles, Helene Ludolph (Soprano) with Piano and Organ accom; Petite Suite, Symphony Orchestra conducted by Piero Coppola.

2.15 Close down.

5.45 Studio—Children's Hour.

6.45 Closing local Stock Quotations, 6.47 Spanish Programme.

7.17 Ravel—Sonatine For Piano. Alfred Cortot (Piano).

7.30 London Relay—The News.

8.0 Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.

8.03 Studio—Concert by Hal Lorenzo (Jazz Piano) and Toby Gray (Accordeon and Piano).—1. Two Piano Medley—F. D. R. Jones, Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray; 2. Piano Solo—(a) Don't worry about me, (b) Our Love, (c) And the Angels Sing, Hal Lorenzo; 3. Accordeon Mixture No. 5, Toby Gray; 4. Piano Solo—Blue Orchids, (Concluding with Two Pianos playing Over the Rainbow), Hal Lorenzo with Toby Gray; 5. Accordeon and Piano—(a) Ain't she Sweet, (b) Chloé, (c) I'm sorry for myself, Toby Gray and Hal Lorenzo; 6. Piano Swing Medley, (a) Limehouse Blues, (b) Wabash Blues, (c) Farewell Blues, Hal Lorenzo; 7. Two Pianos—Secret Rag (arr. Lorenzo and Gray), Hal Lorenzo and Toby Gray.

8.30 Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards—Marchal Moments, Wee Macgregor Patrol, Policeman's Holiday—One-Step.

8.45 B.B.C. Recording—The Old Contemptibles Part 2—The Record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Tperce between August and November 1914, by Benrice Brice. Produced by Felix Felton and Val Gledhill.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive La France"—The sixth of a series on the Life of the French Army and People.

9.45 French Songs by Albert Pre-Jean and Charles Trenet.

10.0 London Relay—"From the Front Bench"—Talk by Lord Zetland on India.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.0 Close down.

STOCK MARKET REPORT

The Hongkong Stock Exchange official summary issued yesterday says:

Market remains quiet and uninteresting.

11K. Fire Ins. 112 1/2

11K. Docks & R. 21 1/2

11K. Provident 11 1/2

11K. Gas 11 1/2

11K. Realities 11 1/2

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11K. Docks & R. 21 1/2

11K. Lands 21 1/2

11K. Telephone (Old) 21 1/2

11K. Telephone (New) 21 1/2

11K. Banks 11 1/2

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11K. Realities 11 1/2

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A CARTOONIST in a Canadian
paper shows a lady of ample or
super-outsize proportions before
the mirror, anxiously asking her
maid, "Do you think I'll ever
come in style again?" Tactfully
the maid does not answer; for,
indeed, now that war has come,
with its rationing the outsize
figure seems doomed to fall still
more out of favour.

It will not be a penal offence
to be stout, for many of the stout
ones have placed it on record
that their Goering-like propor-
tions are a perpetual mystery to
them in that they eat less than
people only half their size. Ex-
perts may say there is a glandular
explanation. In any
case, it has been recognised for
a long time that the reasonably
lean man or woman generally has
the best of it, at a longevity
table or any other.

The leading British medical
weekly comments that though
Britons shall have to eat less of
the rationed foods, that will be
no dietetic tragedy. Meat has
not yet come within the restric-
tions, but those who keep a sharp
eye on national health think that
the sooner it does so the better.
Particularly for those who are
into or beyond middle age, and
who lead sedentary lives, a little
meat should be made to go a
long way.

It is noteworthy that those
animal sidelines which, almost
contemptuously, are described as
offals, receive much more praise
from the dieticians than meat
itself. Offals, moreover, are not
to be rationed. As for sugar,
most English people can keep
their consumption of it down
without the slightest detriment
to health. Those who need more
will be able to get it in the con-
fectionery shops as usual.

The comparatively small allow-
ance of butter is widely re-
gretted. According to report,
Germans are at the present
moment getting slightly more
butter than the Briton. But
then Germans get no milk,
except on a doctor's certificate.
The abundance of the British
milk supply is ample compensa-
tion for the restriction of butter.



STALIN:—"Never mind, my sons. You have died to bring the blessings of Peace to the obstinate Finns."

(The Russian casualty lists were issued by M. Molotov last week.)

One man in ten has gone to war from this island

"Sure by Tummel and Loch Rannoch
and Lochaber I will go
By heather tracks to heaven in their
wiles;
If it's thinkin' in your inner heart,
braggart's in my step,
You've never smelt the tangle o' the
Isles."

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Lewis... The steamer
that carried me up
through the turbulent
waters of the Minch into
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Gaelic-speaking men from
the Royal Navy.

They were all homing to Lewis on
leave.
As the steamer slipped past the
promontory called The Beasts of
Holm and the stark contours of
Lewis loomed through the moonlight
the sailors began to crowd the fore-
deck.

This blunt arrowhead of the
Hebrides is like a big training
school for the Royal Navy.
No other part of the Empire has
sent such a large proportion of its
young men into fighting ships; cer-
tainly no other part of the Empire
has produced a finer type of naval
rating.

AND no other part of the
Empire, it has to be added,
has suffered so severely from munc-
ies and torpedoes.

Already many of the homes of its
remote fishing villages have received
telegrams from the Admiralty which
bring down the blinds of sorrow.

Every time one of our fighting
ships meets with disaster the
messages are flashed to Lewis.
When the Rawlinson was sunk
she carried twelve Lewis men. Eight
of them were lost and the other four
are now prisoners of war in Germany.
When the Exmouth went down six
Lewis men and one man from
Harris lost their lives.

One of the Lewis men was John
Morrisson of Melboist. His sister had
married Malcolm Graham, who was
lost in the James Laidford. Young
Mrs. Graham lost husband and
brother within a month.

So it goes—a lengthening list of
Lewis losses as the struggle on the
sea goes on.

When the Lochaven was torpedoed
she carried a deck crew of sixteen.
Ten of them were men of Lewis and
three of the remaining six were
Gaelic-speaking lads from Uist,
Barra and Lochacarron.

The Courageous and the Royal
Oak and the gallant little ships that
were manned by the cornered Great
Spee have all added to the proud
glory of Lewis.

NO wonder the folk of this
barren island follow the
progress of Germany's murderous
sea warfare with troubled eyes.

Eighteen hundred of their stal-
wart young fishermen and crofters
went into the Navy when war broke
out—such a paralyzing exodus that
some of them had to be brought back.

In every part of the seven seas,
wherever the ships keep watch,
these men of Lewis will be found.

One armed merchant cruiser has
forty Lewis men aboard.
At the end of the last war the sea

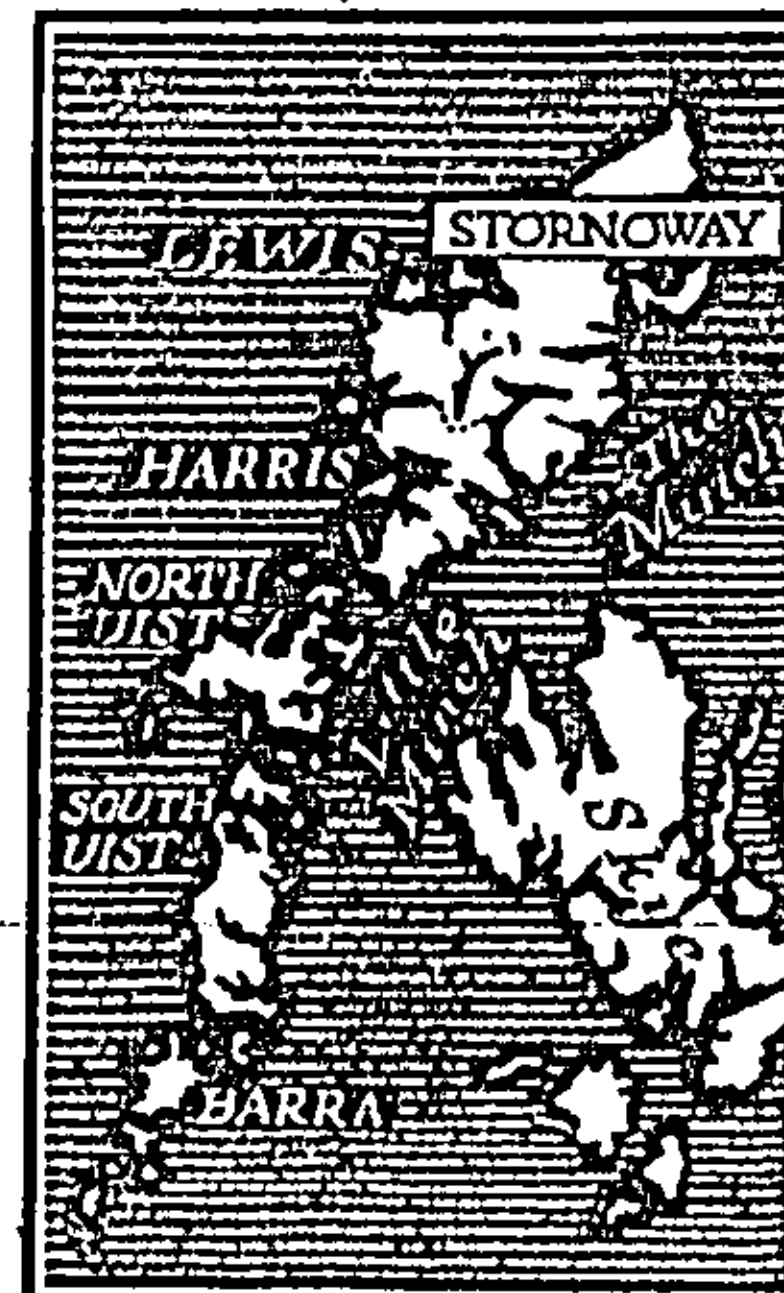
Every time a British
fighting ship meets with
disaster there are mourn-
ers in Lewis....

And there are only
770 square miles of Lewis,
which lies in the Outer
Hebrides.

No other part of the
Empire has had a larger
proportion of casualties in
the fighting at sea than
this "Island of Sorrows."

By

JOHN HERRIES
McCULLOCH



"Lewis... This blunt arrow-
head of the Hebrides is like a big
training school for the Navy."

Six weeks ago John Macdonald,
driver of the Sheshader bus, was
working in a naval dockyard far
from Lewis. Had been there since
the outbreak of war. Suddenly,
mysteriously he was ordered back.
He puzzled about it all the way to
Stornoway.

"Lewis... This blunt arrowhead of
the Hebrides is like a big training
school for the Navy."

The explanation was simple. The
people of Sheshader had signed a
petition to bring him back to his bus.
It had been standing idle all the time
he was away. The community were
completely isolated. Their key man
was missing. The bus was the only
mode of transport. Nobody else
could drive his bus.

The long scrolls of these Lewis
petitions follow the Navy to far ports.
Macdonald MacLennan, who pilots the
Arnol bus, was called up and sent
to Capetown, South Africa, when
war broke out. It was no use.
A petition found him. Back to Lewis
he came.

I saw him leaving Stornoway
yesterday with a load of crofters.
He had shed his uniform, but he is
a man of importance again, and
Arnol is no longer cut off from the
outside.

STORNOWAY depends to a
great extent for local
gossip and war news on these bus
drivers.

When the Admiralty send a tele-
gram to Portpatrick or any other
fishing village on the coast of Lewis,
the news it brings is carried back
to Stornoway by the bus driver.

Six thousand men of Lewis served
in the Great War. But only about
4,800 are serving in this one.

At the end of the Great War 3,000
young Lewis men emigrated because
there were no prospects for them at
home.

They were allowed to go to far
places and the country lost the
vigour of their blood and the steady
warmth of their patriotism.

It must never happen again.
Never again must: we
break faith with this Island of Sor-
rows.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1890.
The following reliable information re-
garding the waist measurements of some
of the leading London actresses will
interest our numerous lady readers:
Ellen Terry, 23 inches; Mary Anderson,
28 inches; Mrs. Bernard Beale, 27 inches
(no stays); Dorothy Dene 25 inches; Miss
Horne, 23 inches; Kate Vaughan, 21 1/2
inches (the smallest).

London contains at the present time
close upon one hundred thousand pau-
pers, exclusive of vagrants and lunatics.

The visit of the Royal party to Canton
was not marked by anything special. The
usual lions were visited and receptions
held. They returned yesterday morning
but did not land, embarking directly on
the launch Victoria and steaming over
to the Ancona, which had dressed ship
for the occasion. There they said good-
bye to H. E. the Administrator and the
few others who were in attendance and at
12.15 the Ancona left her buoy for the
north. No salutes were fired it being
Good Friday but the yards of the war-
ships were manned and the ensign dipped.

25 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1915.
His Majesty the King has directed that,
from to-morrow, no wines, spirits or beer
shall be consumed in any of His Majesty's
houses.

Yesterday, a Taube was brought down
near Solsons, making the third one in
24 hours. The Allies' aircraft dropped 53
shells on Vimucles Station.

Reuter's Havana correspondent states
that a white pugilist, named Jesse Wil-
lard, beat Jack Johnson, for the heavy-
weight championship of the world in the
20th round.

10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1930.
Presiding at the annual meeting of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. this
morning, Mr. Cecil Harston stated that
there was under consideration an aug-
mented bus service to Repulse Bay beach
during the coming season and the estab-
lishment of a pavilion offering dressing
room and refreshment facilities at rates
within the scope of those of moderate
means.

The flower sellers who were recently
moved to On Lan Street from the foot
of Wyndham Street, where they had
piled their business for 50 years, are again
to shift their pitch.

Business at On Lan Street has been
very bad, and we learn that a new site
has been decided on, as a further ex-
periment, this being the junction of
D'Aguilar and Wellington Street.

The changing silhouette has cast its
magic shadow on lingerie. Every one of the new gowns now
has its counterpart in lingerie. There are
princesses slips and fitted panics. Empire
combination and circular sets, step-ins
and slips with ruffles in dainty lace.
Moreover, the dressmaker touch gives
its delicacy to much of the new lingerie.
Tucks, fine handwork, lace and embroidery
all decorate it. Low-waisted slips
are out, princess lines and wrap-around
but fit it so that the gown that goes over
them has the advantage of svelteness.
The very chic woman now has a lingerie set
for each ensemble and dress.

5 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1935.
Mr. Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of
the famous Tarzan stories, married Mrs.
Florence Burroughs, who was the wife of
Mr. Ashton Dearholt, wealthy industrialist.
Mrs. Dearholt divorced her husband
recently. Mr. Burroughs was divorced by
his wife some time ago on grounds of
extreme cruelty.

INDIA'S PART IN WAR

Lord Zetland Tells Of Fine Patriotism

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—Opening his speech with a brief sketch of the varied resources of India and explaining the systems of government, Lord Zetland, the Secretary of State for India, broadcast this evening on the part India is playing in the Empire war effort.

Remarking that Indian forces have been sent to Malaya and Egypt as well as providing troops for Aden, Lord Zetland said that it had been impossible so far to satisfy the aspiration of the great number of those wishing to put their personal services at the King-Emperor's disposal.

The Indian Princes, he continued, had been specially forward in making material contributions and he mentioned the Nizam of Hyderabad's gift of £10,000, out of which a member squadron bearing his name had been provided as typical of these rulers' attitude.

Fine Air Force

After speaking of the Indian Navy, which he felt sure would enhance the present high prestige, Lord Zetland said that the Indian Air Force had reached a high standard of efficiency and it was apparent that air was an element particularly congenial to young Indians.

Turning to the economic side, the Secretary for India said that new industries were being started and the utmost use would be made of such substances as asbestos, bauxite and chrome, and he added: "The resources of the Indian sub-continent are inexhaustible, and they are being most industriously developed."

Political Relations

Devoting the remainder of his speech to political relations between Britain and India, Lord Zetland said: "The goal we have set before ourselves is to aid the people of India to acquire a measure of political unity which will enable her to take her place as a great self-governing dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations."

He also reviewed the objects of the Government of India Act of 1939, whereby provincial governments were transferred to Indian Ministers responsible to Indian Parliaments and provided for bringing both the provinces of British India and the states of the ruling Princes into a great Indian Federation.

Difficulties had arisen, Lord Zetland said, and explained that the operation of these main political forces—Indian National Congress, the Princes and the All-India Muslim League—was essential to the establishment of the Federation.

All three, however, had raised objections with the result that the Congress Party was now demanding a completely independent country while the Muslims refuse to contemplate such a solution and demand a separate Moslem state.

Reconciliation Needed

"I am convinced," Lord Zetland added, "that no lasting settlement in India will prove possible without real reconciliation between the Muslims and the Hindus. Whatever difficulties are standing in the way, we shall continue to labour wholeheartedly to the best of our ability for such a reconciliation."

These political differences, he continued, were not insurmountable, but he felt that it showed a complete lack of all sense of humour for the Nazis to pose before the world as the champions of freedom where India was concerned. "I feel tempted," Lord Zetland said, "for the benefit of Nazi propaganda to recall the opinion of those expressed some long ago in the official organ of the India National Congress."

Don't Want Nazi Sympathy

This is what the writer says: "The Indian political situation has suddenly assumed an extraordinary importance for the German radio propagandists, who are pouring out chivalrous talks all over the world of this distressed, unfortunate country. India does not disdain the world's sympathy in her righteous struggle for freedom—but let it not come from the Nazis."

"Remember that those are not my words but those of a writer in the official organ of the India National Congress," said Lord Zetland.

This same writer goes on to say: "We cannot also forget that according to Hitler and the Nazis, native people occupy a place in the ladder of creation somewhere between the ape and man. Is it these anthropological experts that are to speak for this country before the world?"

Lord Zetland concluded: "The truth is that India stands united in hatred of the Nazi regime and in contributing magnificently towards an Allied victory."

BLITZKRIEG SAID NEAR

FROM PAGE ONE

Official Communiqué reported a quiet day on the Western Front.

"Last night the enemy attempted to attack one of our posts but failed completely, leaving some prisoners in our hands. There were no losses on our side."

It has been confirmed that the third German plane reported having been probably shot down in our communiqué of April 2 was actually brought down on the evening of April 1.

COMMONS CRITICISES CRAIGIE'S SPEECH

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Unfortunate Impression

Mr. Noel Baker asked if it was not unfortunate that the impression should have been created in Japan that the British people condone aggression in Asia although resisting it in Europe.

In replying, Mr. Butler said he trusted that no such impression had been created but felt satisfied that the terms of his answer would dispel any such impression.

Mr. Arthur Henderson asked whether in view of the misunderstandings aroused by this speech, the Minister would make it clear again that it still remains the policy of the British Government that the provisions of the Nine Power treaty must continue in operation until they were abrogated or amended with the consent of all signatory powers.

"Yes," said Mr. Butler, "it has always been our endeavour to conduct our policy in the Far East in accordance with the principles underlying the Nine Power treaty and so keep in step with the French and American governments."

Colonel J. C. Wedgwood asked if the Minister's answer had been called to the speech: "Both countries—England and Japan—are ultimately striving for the same objective" and "It is surely not beyond the powers' constructive statesmanship to bring the aims of their national policies into full harmony."

Wedgwood Shouted Down

He asked if the Government would emphatically renounce the view of that character.

He was interrupted by cries of "No, no."

Mr. Butler replied that it served no useful purpose to seize upon certain expressions in the speech.

It was of more value to accept the statement which he (Mr. Butler) had made as representing the policy of the Government. He would go further and say that Government saw no objection to improving their relations with Japan.

House Of Lords Debate

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The subject of Sir Robert Craigie's speech was also raised in the House of Lords during question time to-day by Viscount Samuel.

"We all desire that the Anglo-Japanese relations should be placed on a satisfactory footing," he said, "and we must welcome Sir Robert Craigie's efforts to effect that object. But as it was reported, the speech might be interpreted as a condemnation of Japan's action in recent years and an acceptance of her policy."

The Japanese invasion, he said, had been generally held all over the world as something condemnable.

Explaining, Lord Halifax said that he had seen a fuller account of the speech than was available in the press here.

He proceeded to answer in the same terms as Mr. R. A. Butler used in the House of Commons.

Not Inconsistent

He added that the Government did not regard this policy as thus inconsistent as being in any way inconsistent with the endeavour, to which Viscount Samuel also attached importance, to place our relations with the Japanese on a friendlier footing.

Sir Robert Craigie, he said, had rendered a very valuable service in this direction and it was for this purpose that he was specially concerned to promote in his speech.

Big Tanker Aground

Accident Off Ostend: Ship In No Danger

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

BRUSSELS, April 3 (UP).—The latest Belgian oil tanker, the *Iso* (10,520 tons), belonging to the American Petroleum Company, is aground on a sandbank off Middlekerk, five miles west of Ostend.

The vessel was en route to Amsterdam when she grounded. Efforts to refloat the ship have so far been unsuccessful and will probably be postponed until the morning, when it is hoped that the tide will help her being refloated.

The vessel is at present in no danger. The crew are still aboard and could easily reach the nearby shore if necessary.

CABARET PROGRAMME

Artistes Appearing At The S.P.C. Ball

The programme for the cabaret, arranged by Miss Daisy O'Keefe, for the S. P. C. Ball on Friday night at the Peninsula Hotel has the following artistes:

Representing England in the opening number—Lillian MacFarlane, Kathleen Benwell, Noreen Jordan, Sheila Reeve, Dawn Dwyer, and Betty Pestonoff representing Scotland—Piper Webster, Piper Gray, Pipe Major Rankin (by kind permission of the City of Edinburgh), J. McDougall, M.C., commanding the 2nd Bn. The Royal Scots; representing Ireland—Phyllis Cogan, Patsy Wood, Pauline Strange, and Betty Forbes; representing Wales—Betty Richards, Helen Lindell, Alison Plummer, and Suzette Compton.

Rosie Tan, Rosita Woo, Helen Lung and Betty Tan will follow with a tap dance, and Winifred Raven and Audrey Oakentill will dance "Valse Acrobatique." Mrs. Percy Chen will present "Demande a Response," and Pauline Strange will offer a Caucasian dance, while Gloria Vee and Noreen Jordan will give an exhibition of ballroom dances, demonstrating the quickest, tango and waltz.

The final will present "Reach West" with Dawn Dwyer, Patsy Wood, Sheila Reeve, Noreen Jordan, Rosalind Grant, and Betty Pestonoff.

Showing "as it is" in 1939 and 1940, Betty Richards, Alison Plummer, and Suzette Compton the soloists for the moderns.

Stalin Grabs The Winnings

Neutral Press On Nazi Disappointment

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Swiss press to-day divides editorial attention between the German White Book and M. Molotov's speech.

"This publication was clearly intended to counteract the profound impression created all over the world by the French Yellow Book and the English Blue Book," says "La Tribune."

The "Zuercher" says: "M. Molotov's injunction of Russia's intention to pursue her own politics was clearly addressed to Germany. Berlin seems slightly disappointed with Russia who has wisely pocketed the winnings without having to stoke all on the German card of victory or defeat. Moscow is eager to avoid giving the Allies any pretext for attack."

War May Be Inevitable

"Nevertheless," continues the paper, "the Kremlin apparently realises that Russia's protestations of neutrality may come too late and that it may be that collision with the Allies is inevitable. How disastrous Russia considers such a war would be can be clearly seen in M. Molotov's speech."

The Hungarian press betrays a mood of expectancy of an intensification of the British blockade. The Budapest "Magyarország" believes that Britain will attempt to enhance the control sufficiently to make the neutrals entirely dependent upon her pleasure even by entering the Black Sea.

The paper also stresses the significance of M. Molotov's vague reference to Rumania.

London's Mistrust

The "Magyarország" stresses London's mistrust of the Russian promises and M. Molotov's equivocal statements while quoting "Pravda" as repeating the statement that the Soviet is ready to strengthen connections with the West.

The "Magyar Nemzet" also stresses the significance of the report that Britain desires to extend the blockade to the Adriatic.

ECONOMIC WAR

FROM PAGE ONE

dealing with the problem of Germany's trade with countries from which she can still import by land.

Out-Buying Germany

Mr. Cross pointed out that although it obviously was not possible for Britain to buy up the whole exportable surplus of Germany's neighbours, it was possible to concentrate on certain important specific commodities and by purchasing and offering to purchase substantial quantities ourselves, we could succeed at best in depriving Germany of the commodities of which she is in need or at least forcing her to pay more for what she does succeed in obtaining.

Mr. Cross concluded: "We can be certain that the Nazis are feeling the grip. But we are not resting content with what has been achieved so far. We hope to tighten our grip into a strangle-hold and thereby fulfil our task in breaking the Nazi industrial machine and helping to bring the war to an end."

Many Ships Released

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—The figures of neutral ships released speedily last week from United Kingdom Control bases included four Norwegian, three Belgian, one Portuguese and one Swedish, which were released the same day; one Norwegian, four Dutch, one Belgian, one Italian and one Danish, which were released after one day; two Norwegian, and one Italian, which were released after two days.

Contrast with the time taken in the German Contraband Control is shown by reports in the Estonian Press. The Estonian ship, *Marta*, was kept by the Germans for four months, having been captured on November 9 last year. Another Estonian ship, *Valdlo*, was recently released after being held by the Germans since November 18, and the *Koduman* was detained for over three months.

The Navicert System

Under the navicert system, which now applies to 10 neutral countries, there have been 40,640 applications, the highest figure for one day being 919 on March 28.

Last week exemption number of cases have come to the notice of the Enemy Export Control Committee in which attempts have been made to use neutral firms as a cloak for German exports, and appropriate action is being taken by the Committee.

On humanitarian grounds for 913,000 glass tubes of German origin to be consigned to Rio as Brazilian manufacturers of medical supplies claimed them as indispensable for giving injections.

Japanese Air Base Bombed

35 Planes Destroyed Claim Chinese

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

CHUNGKING, Apr. 3 (UP).—It has been officially announced that a squadron of Chinese heavy bombers to-day bombed a Japanese air base at Yuncheng, in Shansi, where they destroyed 35 grounded planes.

Another Chinese squadron bombed Yochow in northern Hunan where they set fire to a gasoline depot.

CHAMBERLAIN RE-SHUFFLES THE CABINET: IMPORTANT CHANGES

FROM PAGE ONE

During last night, the enemy attempted a raid on one of our outposts. The raid failed completely and some prisoners were left in our hands. There were no losses on our side.

It is confirmed that a third German plane, which was mentioned as probably destroyed in last night's communiqué, was actually brought down.

Roynaud's Warning

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PARIS, April 3 (UP).—M. Paul Reynaud, the French Premier, warned the nation in a broadcast to-night that the situation on the Western Front may change at any moment.

French Communiqué

PARIS, April 3 (UP).—The 420th. male alterations in the relations between the members of the War Cabinet and the Ministers, who are not in the Cabinet but who are in charge of departments and thus secure the full co-ordination of important departments.

Such co-operation was particularly apparent in Mr. Churchill's Committee which is in effect a strategy and operations committee of the War Cabinet.

The Postmaster General and the First Commissioner of Works will have ranks which in peacetime would be equivalent to Cabinet rank.

Appointment Welcomed

Sir Samuel Hoare's appointment to the Air Ministry of which he has been the leader twice before is welcomed in-as-much as there have been growing doubts as to whether or not some stimulus was not required there.

Sir Samuel Hoare's previous association with the Air Ministry and the Admiralty is expected to bring reassurance to critics.

His close interest in the Air Ministry has never flagged and he is known to have very definite views on the best means of securing the maximum production by that department.

No Enthusiasm For Changes

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The changes in the British War Cabinet have been received with a marked lack of enthusiasm.

Some quarters are even sharply critical of Mr. Chamberlain's failure to make the reorganisation complete by Mr. Winston Churchill's appointment as Supreme Defence Minister.

Bitter criticism is expected and the general tendency now is to reserve judgment.

The "Daily Herald," mouthpiece of the Labour Party, is the most bitter critic of the Government's "lack of imagination and surfeit complacency."

Mad Hatter's Tea Party

The paper likens the changes to the Mad Hatter's tea party.

"While the public, like Alice in Wonderland, looks on bewildered, Mr. Chamberlain makes his changes," the paper says.

The Conservative "Daily Telegraph" affirms that Mr. Chamberlain would willingly have undertaken larger reconstruction if he had more talented material to choose from outside the Government.

In this connection the "News Chronicle" suggests Mr. Anthony Eden and Mr. James Amery.

"But the Prime Minister has not got a forgiving disposition," the paper adds.

No Recognition For Wang

British Attitude Is Clearly Stated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

LONDON, April 3 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reaffirmed that Britain will not recognise the Wang Ching-wei regime.

He stressed that British policy will be to continue in accordance with the Nine Power Treaty and "to keep in step with the United States and French governments."

"However, the Government sees no objection to improving relations with Japan," he added.

PROTECTION FOR NAZI SHIPS

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Neutral correspondents in Berlin state that Germany undoubtedly proposes to protect her ships in Norwegian waters.

Hitler has conferred with Goering and others to discuss the necessary steps to be taken for the protection of the ships.

POLISH PROTEST REJECTED

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

GENEVA, April 3 (UP).—Lithuania has rejected a Polish protest which was lodged five months ago. Poland protested from France at the session of Vilna by Soviet Russia.

NAZI PRISONERS OF WAR

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—A further list of four members of U-boat personnel now prisoners of war in Britain was announced to-day. This list brings up to a total of 362 combatant prisoners of war, of whom a great majority were from the crews of German submarines.

Prison For Communists

French Authorities' Drastic Action

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Twenty-seven former Communist Deputies, whose trial has just concluded, were sentenced to five years' imprisonment and five years' loss of civil and political rights.

They included Florimond Bonte, Secretary of the so-called Workers and Peasants Party, which was formed after the dissolution of the Communist Party.

Appeal For Peace

Bonte was one of the two signatories of a letter addressed to M. Herriot, President of the Chamber, in October asking for immediate peace negotiations.

This letter formed the principal basis of the prosecution.

Eight of the accused were sentenced to four years with the benefit of the First Offender's Act. They will, however, be transferred to concentration camps.

The remaining nine accused, who have fled and were tried in their absence, were also sentenced to five years.

NAZIS DEMOLISH CZECH STATUES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

PRAGUE, Apr. 3 (UP).—A monument to the famous Czech historian and champion of Czech independence, M. Denis as well as a large bronze tablet commemorating Czech Independence Day were removed to-day and donated to Field Marshal Goering's collection of metal as a birthday present to Hitler.

Recently bronze statues of Moses and a famous Rabbi in Prague were removed and handed over to the collection.

For Hitler's Birthday

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—A drive to collect scrap metal for Hitler's birthday is being pursued with fanatical energy in Germany.

Every day the newspapers suggest new sources of supply and the people are being asked to give up ancient coins and medals.

Spartans who sacrificed their trophies are being held up as model citizens.

A start in removing public monuments for the benefit of the metal collection has already been made. It is reported, in Prague and other places in the Protectorate.

Trade Pacts To Stand Unchanged

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—It is learned from official quarters that since the signature of the respective war trade agreements, no approach has been made by the British Government to either Norway or Sweden on the subject of restriction by them of iron ore supplies to Germany.

Mr. Charles Hambro is now in Stockholm on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, but he has taken with him no proposals for a new trade agreement with Sweden, nor are any proposals being made to Norway for a trade agreement to replace that signed last month.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR FRANCE

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—M. Cesar Campinchi, the French Navy Minister, stated before the Chamber Naval Commission that it had been decided to lay down a further number of warships of all types amounting to 200,000 tons.

French Shipping Losses

M. Campinchi said that the average monthly French tonnage sunk by U-boats was only half the tonnage sunk in September.

German air attacks, of which there have been several hundred during the last seven months, have destroyed not more than 25,000 tons of shipping.

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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

CONCERNING OBSTRUCTION RULE

Goal-Keeper Included In Jurisdiction: Points To Remember

WITH REFERENCE TO a controversy in a local contemporary, I have been approached by several players and umpires to give my opinion on the incident which occurred during the Civilian-Macao encounter on Easter Monday, when Macao defeated the Civilians 3-2.

The incident arose when a Civilian attacker was penalised after he had been obstructed by a Macao defender. The umpire concerned, for reasons of his own, found fault with the former. It is my personal opinion as an umpire that the offence committed by the defender was sheer obstruction, and, therefore, he should have been penalised without question. However, the umpire found fault with the attacker and awarded the hit against his side, which was incorrect.

Under the circumstances, a "bully" would have been the obvious decision, as in the opinion of the umpire both players were guilty of some offence. For the benefit of umpires in general, and our friends in Macao, I will explain the Obstruction Rule.

This is one of the most important rules governing the game of hockey, and the abuse of it by players is one of the cardinal faults, and often the laxness of some umpires, generally speaking, in not enforcing it, has been to a certain extent the cause of our not playing the best type of hockey.

The rule reads: "A player shall not obstruct by running in between an opponent and the ball... nor shall he intercept himself, or his stick, in any way as an obstruction to an opponent... nor attack from an opponent's left unless he touches the ball before he touches the stick or person of his opponent. There shall be no charging, kicking, shoving, or striking at or holding an opponent by any means whatsoever."

THE rule is perfectly clear, and if you think it over you will find it can be summarised by simply stating: "Obstruction means depriving your opponent, by unfair use of your person, of an equal chance of hitting the ball." That is the essence and spirit of the whole rule. It can be put another way, however: "A player must not gain an advantage by the unfair use of his body, foot, hand or stick."

If players would only read the rule as I have broken it up, or seriously reflect on the summary of it, their hockey would improve and they would not be liable to commit this great fault—"obstruction."

It has been said that obstruction will never be completely eliminated from our game because of the "human" element, but much can be done to obviate it. Players often accuse an umpire because he is strict.

SPORT ADVTS.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No one without a badge will be permitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27794) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Times are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1940.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

Entries For Six-a-side Tournament

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Six-a-side Tournament are now open. Entries may be sent to D. Smith, Hon. Secretary the Hongkong Hockey Association, c/o the Harbour Office.

They are also reminded that Clubs may enter more than one team if desired.

Referees' Association Whist Drive

THE HONGKONG Football Referees' Association will hold their second monthly whist drive tomorrow in the Hotel Cecil at 8.30 p.m. Excellent prizes are promised. Tickets are \$1 each and may be obtained from any Referee, the Hotel Cecil or at the door.

It is hoped to make these drives a monthly affair, and the third will be held on May 3.

and blame him for spoiling the play, but isn't it the other way around? Aren't the players to blame? By their ignorance, or wilfulness, they create breaches or commit fouls, which the dutiful umpire must penalise. Those umpires who have had a good deal of experience will tell you that rough games develop from obstruction.

Obstruction is often caused by—
1. Over-enthusiasm to get the ball.
2. Going for it unnecessarily hard.
3. Doing anything to get the ball.
4. Doing anything to prevent an opponent getting the ball.

A goalkeeper is just as guilty of obstruction as any other player, and he must be penalised as any of the rest of the players. He often gets away with the following:
1. Charging roughly into an attacking forward.
2. Running out between an attacker and the ball, and so preventing the attacker from reaching the ball before it crosses the goal-line.
3. Running out to meet an attacker and then opening his legs and letting the ball go through.
4. Pretending to kick the ball, but standing in the road of the attacker so that the only way he can get to the ball is to "run through" him.

THE player who tackles from the following points:
1. He must not run in between the opponent and the ball.
2. He must not touch the ball before he makes contact or touches the other player in any way at all. (Obstruction is a form of tackling can only be done satisfactorily by using his left hand; using the right hand nearly always causes obstruction.)
3. He must not charge into his dispossessed opponent, and sending the ball backwards with a reversed stick, this is undoubtedly a foul and should be penalised accordingly. A pass back from a bully frequently means obstruction, and an umpire who is vigilant would not allow it who is a muser. It is not my contention that ALL reverse stick play is obstruction, but I would suggest that when a player reverses his stick and covers the ball up he often prevents an opponent's stick from making instant contact, and that is deliberate obstruction.

Furthermore, I have noticed that such obstructive play is rarely or ever courageously penalised by an umpire.

Lastly, I would like to remind readers that obstruction does not necessarily depend on the distance of the players from the ball, and "turning on the ball" does not constitute a breach unless an opponent has thereby been obstructed in an attempt to play the ball.

M'SEX DEFEAT EASTERN

Pte. Corrigan Wins Kowloon Marathon

Middlesex Competitors Unable To Run

Pte. Corrigan, of the Royal Scots, had a comfortable victory in the annual Kowloon Marathon arranged by St. Andrew's Club yesterday. There were originally 33 entries but owing to duties 15 Middlesex competitors withdrew.

Fourteen starters lined up and 10 completed the course of about six and a quarter miles. They finished in the following order:

Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots) 30 min. 4 sec. 1
Sgt. Lewis (Signals) 37 min. 8 sec. 2
Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots) 39 min. 43 sec. 3
Cpl. Wilson (Royal Scots) 41 min. 45 sec. 4
Cpl. Truscott (Signals) 42 min. 45 sec. 5
Pte. White (Royal Scots) 43 min. 45 sec. 6
Pte. Reynolds 44 min. 45 sec. 7
Pte. A. C. Brown (R.A.P.) 45 min. 45 sec. 8
Pte. A. C. Moulton (R.A.P.) 46 min. 45 sec. 9
Pte. Edge (Royal Scots) 47 min. 45 sec. 10

The race began at St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m. and Sutherland, Truscott and Corrigan took the lead. The course was up Nathan Road, Waterloo Road, Prince Edward Road, Tam Kung Road, Bulkeley Street and Chatham Road back into Nathan Road.

The runners were close together until in Tam Kung Road when Corrigan drew away and Truscott



Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots), winner, crossing the finishing line of the Kowloon Marathon race which was held yesterday. The time was 36 minutes 4 seconds.—Photocnews.

dropped back to be passed by Lewis, who had been running a steady fifth.

SLOWER TIME

During the last part of the race Sutherland lost ground and gave second position to Lewis. Corrigan who was running strongly, reached the winning post far ahead of the second and third men. The winner's time of 36 min. 4 sec. was slower than last year.

Mrs. A. C. Jeffreys presented the prizes.

Rev. J. R. Higgs pointed out that although the race was run in Kowloon it was a Colony marathon, and had been organised by St. Andrew's Club for the past 10 years. He thanked Sir Yandeleur Grayburn, Mr. Ezra Abraham and Mr. F. C. Hall, for the prizes, not only for this year's competition but for many years past.

Under the supervision of Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods and Sub-inspector J. Johnston, traffic police assisted in the race, with the help of Boy Scouts of the 1st. Kowloon (St. Andrew's) Troop.

The following were officials.—Mr. V. R. J. Merrett (Starter); Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Dr. K. H. Utley, Rev. J. R. Higgs, Messrs. A. C. Jeffreys, H. Kew and R. H. Wong (Judges).

Association Tournament Table

OWING TO A WET week-end, no games were played in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament. The tournament table to date is:

	P	W	L	D	F	A	Pts.
C.H.A.	7	0	1	3	2	5	13
Radio and P.S.C.	7	0	1	0	23	11	12
Proval Engineers	6	4	1	3	18	12	11
Police	7	2	1	1	11	7	7
Nomads	8	3	4	1	15	7	7
Recreo	8	2	4	2	12	6	6
Royal Signals	7	1	5	1	5	20	3
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	1	14	3	3
University	6	1	5	0	15	2	2
R.A.O.C.	3	3	3	1	6	—	—

Strain Of Congested Programme Has Effect On Chinese Players

(By "Rox")

A powerful Middlesex side beat a footsore Eastern eleven three goals to one in their First Division League match at the Club ground yesterday.

Some there were who thought Eastern guilty of grossly under-rating their opponents, but three matches in four days is putting rather a strain on the players and they were unable to challenge the Mids.

Middlesex played superb football. Eastern's attack, with the possible exception of Cheung Kam-hoi and Hau Ching-to, were as putty in the hands of Cooper and Sheehan. Jackson, when called upon, saved well, but was never really tested.

BRIGHT PICK OF HALVES

BRIGHT was the pick of the halves. He butted Lee and later Tui Ah-fai well. He greatly aided the forwards who showed excellent understanding, but who were guilty of erratic shooting. Wilkinson and Parker spoiled to great effect and also lent valuable support to the forwards.

Riches, seen in the centre-forward berth, played a knowing game, and with more practice with Pearson and Saw, should develop an exceedingly dangerous inside trio. Saw was easily the pick of the forwards. He was as tricky as ever and schemed to good purpose. Marable made a welcome appearance, and secured two of the Mids' goals. With Cooper, they formed the nucleus of an attack to be compared with that they had when shortly after their arrival here.

Despite the faulty display of his back pair, Lau Hin-hon played an exceedingly good game, besides saving twice from a penalty by Sheehan. Tsang made several bad moves, two of which resulted in goals against his side. In the second half he changed with Darry Lee to score the lone goal of Eastern. Cheng was the stender of the two, and the valuable support accorded him by Lau enabled him to check, in a measure, Mids' disastrous raids. Hsu made great efforts but the flesh was weak. Lo was the best half, clearing and spoiling well.

MIDS' STEADFAST DEFENCE

TSUI Ah-fai also felt the strain. —and was exceedingly slow. Cheung was the best forward for Eastern, but, entirely unsupported, was unable to do much damage. Hau Ching-to pierced the stonewall defence, but lack of support and the stender's vigilance of Parker were responsible for his having drawn a blank.

Eastern opened and appeared to take matters easily. Mids soon showed they meant business, and impressed with some fine movements into Eastern's area. Saw missed a golden opportunity to open the scoring when he duffed with a pass from Cooper. Cheng cleared his late pass to Marable. They continued the pressure, and Marable forced a corner. Bright sent in a first timer from Lau's clearance which Tsang stopped with his hands. Sheehan took the kick from the spot. Lau twice saved, but was apparently dis-qualified for moving. Saw next took the kick and made no mistake.

Eastern seemed cast down by this reverse, and made half-hearted attempts at stopping the ball. Hsu woke from his lethargy to speed up his forwards, but quickly fell back again. Tsui and Hau were over-anxious and were constantly being pulled up for movement. Cooper brought the ball well into Eastern territory, centred right across to Marable who met it first-time leaving Lau standing. Soon after this Tsang was hurt, and left the field just before half-time.

EASTERN'S LATE RALLY

THE resumption saw him at right wing. Darry went back. This seemed to effect a change in Eastern, but they soon spent themselves. Mids took command. Their forwards were given many opportunities to score, but faulty shooting kept the score at its first level.

Eastern broke away, Hau passed to Tsang who shot past Jackson, but was ruled offside. Eastern fell away for some time for Mids to take up the attack. A nice movement by Saw, and the ball went to Riches. It was returned to Saw who tipped it to Marable for the latter to beat Lau with a fast drive.

Eastern rallied and pressed the Mids area for some time. Lau sent a long pass to Cheung, who tricked the defence to give Tsang a forward pass which Tsang met first time to beat Jackson. From then on Mids kept up pressure, but was unable to add to the score.

The teams were:—
Middlesex—Jackson, Sheehan, Cooper, Parker, Bright, Wilkinson, Cooper, Pearson, Tsang, Hau Ching-to.

NATIONAL PROBABLES AND CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—

The following are the probabilities for the Grand National on Friday:

Royal Danelli (Moore), Professor II (Owen), Dunhill Castle (Wilson), Rockquilla (Carey), Red Eagle (Elder), Donnell's Cross (Mitchell), Blackhawk (Rimell), Kistlar (Archibald), Away (Muir), Moffat (Alder), Milano (Denny Morgan), Venturone (Knight), Tveddie, Lilliant (Black), Le Cygne (O'Grady), Symaethis

The Call-Over

The call-over is as follows:
7/2 Kistlar (t and o)
10/1 The Professor (t and o)
12/1 MacMoffat (t and o)
12/1 Royal Danelli (t and o)
100/8 Milano (t and o)
100/7 Symaethis (o)
100/8 Sterling Duke (o)
100/6 Rockquilla (t and o)
20/1 Blackhawk (t and o)
25/1 Takvor Pacha (t and o)
25/1 Underbid (t and o)
28/1 Bogsor (o)
33/1 Inversible (t and o)

(Geakes), Inversible (Hogan), Bogsor (M. Jones), Boyo (H. Morgan), National Night (H. Jones), Takvor Pacha (Priestman), Cornhill (Mitchell), Luxborough (Brown), Laybolls (Ward), Underbid (Nicholson), Bachelor—Prince (Loewenstein), Downright (Seeley), Tickmill Kelly, Gold Arrow (Lay), Second Act (Dowdswell), Red Freeman (Redmond), Sterling Duke (Hyde).
Royal Mail has scratched.

Quartier Maitre Wins The Lincolnshire

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Lincolnshire Handicap, run over a mile at Lincoln to-day, resulted:

Quartier Maitre (—) 1
Uncle Archie (Mullins) 2
Ticcaral (Tucker) 3

Betting: 7-2 Quartier Maitre, 100-7 Uncle Archie, 100-8 Ticcaral.

Won by two lengths; half a length. Others: Golden Sovereign (Bury), Hot Bun II (Sam Wragg), Booms-a-daisy (Nevelt), Wonerch (Marshall), Timestep (Ruttle), Titan (E. Smith), Nager (Christie), Fieretti (E. Smirk), Paul Beg (Evans) Davy Doolittle (A. Burns), Squadron Castle (Mitchell), Reynard's Lodge (Mather), Rostown (D. Smith), Aldine (Richardson), The Straight Four (Dyson), Punt Gun (Dick), Hamac (Sharpe), Corena (Filton).

Colony Tennis

Tsui Brothers Easily Beat Kitchell And Razack

Tsui Wal-pui and Tsui Yun-pui, the present Colony Doubles champions, had little difficulty in this year's tournament when they met I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell on the Hongkong Cricket Club courts yesterday. The scores were 6-2, 6-3.

Never at any stage were they extended, and only intermittent volleying duels brightened up the match.

son, Riches saw and Marable, Eastern—Lau Hin-hon, Cheung Ying, Tsang, Tsui Ching-wan, Lau Ah-hing, Tsui King-seng, Lo Wal-kuen, Darry Lee, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tui Ah-fai, Ng Ching

COLONY BADMINTON

YONG AND CHEW IN DOUBLES FINAL

Silva And Oliveira Beaten In Three Fine Games

(By "Tinker")

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT in Hongkong to find an improvement on the badminton that was displayed in the semi-final match of the Open Doubles at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night; when K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew beat M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira by 17-18, 15-12, 15-5.

All four players were in excellent form, but the outstanding player of all was H. F. Chew. He even overshadowed the powerful Oliveira. His court-craft and cunning shots evoked much applause, and in the all-important second set practically ran himself off his feet saving points and returning winners. Oliveira was machine-like in his smashing. Anything high over the net was returned with extraordinary vim, and not a little accuracy.

Yong and Silva were less reliable. Both were apt to commit errors, but they nevertheless contributed their share of skill to one of the finest games yet seen in the tournament.

The floor was hardly ideal for speed. It was slippery, and all four found great difficulty in keeping their balance. It was nothing unusual to see the players slipping clean off their balance following a difficult retrieve. Yong, especially, had trouble in this direction.

OPENING THRILLS

THE RECREO pair jumped off into a 7-0 lead in the first game before the University pair showed anything like settling down. The lead increased to 11-3 before Yong and Chew staged a thrilling rally that carried them up to 10-11 before service changed hands again. Sustained rallies saw no change in the score until a brilliant angle shot started the RECREO pair off again. They led 12-10, and service changed hands.

Yong and Chew drew up to 12-11 and then went into the lead for the first time at 13-12. Oliveira served, but foot-faulted. Silva served and on a fine smash from Oliveira levelled again at 13-13. The game was set at five.

Another fine smash from Oliveira gave the RECREO pair the first point. The score went to 2-1, and then the University pair led at 4-2. Amid great excitement Silva and Oliveira drew up to 4-4, and the very thrilling game was lost when Yong called "out" to Chew who allowed the shuttle to drop—just inside the side-line.

FORTUNES REVERSED

OLIVEIRA and Silva set the pace again in the second game and led 4-0 before the University pair found their touch again. From being 0-4 down they went into a 7-4 lead, took it to 10-5, 11-5 and 12-5 before the RECREO team scored once. At 13-7, Silva and Oliveira featured in a very lively burst in an effort to clinch the match. Five points were gained to their opponents' 1, but at 14-12, Yong and Chew came out top in a brilliant exchange to win the game at 15-12.

The Portuguese pair in the third set lost quite a bit of their former accuracy. There were several occasions on which they seemed unable to sight the shuttle, and made complete misses. Yong and Chew never relaxed, and ran into a 12-1 lead. There was no doubt, at this stage, who would be the ultimate winners. Silva and Oliveira stuck gamely to their great task, and lost a game that must have been as exhausting as it was exciting.

The winners will now meet C. Au and P. H. Wong in the final.

Boxing

ROYAL SCOTS AND MIDDLESEX IN INTER-UNIT FINALS

The finals in the Hongkong Area (Army) Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships will be held this evening at Nanking Barracks, Sham-shuipo, commencing at 8 p.m. when Royal Scots meet Middlesex Regiment.

Middlesex will be represented by several outstanding performers, including Pte. Moran, the Area heavyweight champion; L/Cpl. Wilson, the Area Novices' welterweight champion; and Pte. Noble, the Area and Battalion featherweight champion.

The following are to-night's teams:

ROYAL SCOTS (Red)	MIDDLESEX (Green)
Pte. Dalley	Bantamweight
Pte. Corrigan	Featherweight
Cpl. Brown	Pte. Noble
Cpl. Barker	Pte. Phillips
L/Cpl. Wismen	L/Cpl. Milroy
Pte. Cavanagh	L/Cpl. Williams
Sgt. Elliot	Welterweight
Pte. McGrady	Pte. Gibb
Pte. Callaghan	Pte. Easton
Cpl. Kitchell	Pte. Roberts
Edms. Emerson	Middleweight
L/Cpl. Moore	Cpl. McGrady
Cpl. Cooper	Pte. Brindle
Pte. Marshall	Light-heavyweight
Pte. Alexander	Cpl. Fox
	Pte. Moran

JOCKEY CLUB DONATION TO CHARITY FUND

\$61,250 From Derby Sweep

RECEIPT of the magnificent sum of \$61,250 from the Hongkong Jockey Club has been gratefully acknowledged by the Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distressed in China.

This sum is a contribution as a result of the Sweep held on the 1040 Hongkong Derby at the Annual Meeting during February.

The Board has made the following grant to the Foreign Auxiliary of the National Red Cross Society of China: For Quinine for South China \$10,000.

Home Soccer Results

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Home regional soccer leagues to-day:

	SOUTH "A"	
Southend	0 Arsenal	5
Bournemouth	SOUTH "D"	0
Everton	Queen's P.R.	0
	WESTERN	7
	Slackport	0
	WESTERN	
	2 St. Mirren	1
	5 Celtic	0
	4 Ayr	0
	EASTERN	
	King's Park	2
	10 Stenmuir	2
	6 East Fife	4
	7 Hearts	1
	6 Dundee	0

NEXT CHANGE AT THE KING'S Theatre

Mighty MONARCHS CRUSHING EMPIRES TO WIN THEIR WOMEN!



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NANCY



Freak 'Platinum Blonde' Fox Starts Craze

Daily Express Staff Reporter

FOR a single fox fur, to be slipped over a woman's shoulder, the price of £2,750 has just been paid—the highest in memory for a single skin. The fur is a new, rare platinum blonde strain, called the platina fox.

This new costly delight for women springs from Plato and Pluto, a pair of freak fox cubs born in Norway a few years ago.

The strain was developed with the greatest care, and a rigid standard was set. Norway would not let a single living platina fox leave the country, so that the industry could be thoroughly controlled.

Not until last year were the first skins sold. Then eleven were auctioned in Oslo, for an average of £200 each.

There, experts consider, had not the perfection of the £2,750 specimen; but two of them are now being worn by royalty.

The record-priced fur was in a batch sent to New York, and auctioned this week. It was bought by Mr. J. J. Fox, a leading U.S. fur retailer.

One almost exactly like it will be put up for sale in London to-day. It has a white neck and a white nose, and a white streak runs between the eyes. So far only a few more than 700 platina furs have come into the

market. Three hundred of these will be offered in London to-day, and fur king of the world will send representatives to the sale.

It will be held in the Hudson's Bay Company's hall in Great Trinity-lane, off Queen Victoria-street, E.C.

Dealers in countries all over the world have competed for the comparatively few skins that have so far become available.

An expert said yesterday: "I have never seen anything so lovely as these platina foxes."

"They have all the beautiful silky look of the finest silver foxes, but they stand out because of their glorious tone and shade."

Chinchilla is usually regarded as the most costly fur. These animals, ten inches long, which originally came from the Andes in South America, are worth £300 a pair alive. A chinchilla coat may cost

£10,000 or more; there are only a few in the world.

Captain Told "Sparks" Not To Be A Fool—

STAYED TILL HIS SOS WAS THROUGH

"RICHEST GIRL" MAY RE-MARRY

An early wedding in the United States for Countess Reventlow (Barbara Hutton) and Mr. Robert Sweeney, the golfer, is predicted by reports from Palm Beach published in several New York newspapers.

[Countess Haugwitz - Reventlow, formerly Princess Midvanti, was originally Barbara Hutton, heiress to the Woolworth millions. She married Prince Alexis Midvanti in 1933.]

IF YOU MEET any of the 72 survivors of the Blue star ship Sultan Star, torpedoed in the Atlantic by a U-boat, they will tell you nothing of their experiences.

But they will say a lot about the courage of one man—their wireless operator, P. G. Winsor, of Greenford, Middlesex.

Winsor, spent the 20 minutes from the time the ship was struck until she disappeared beneath the sea tapping out SOS messages, waiting for the answer, that came only at the last moment.

When Winsor left the ship all the others were in the boats. Round the ship they roved gently, shouting to him, "Don't be a fool, come off."

He would not quit. The men in the boats refused to leave him, and stayed as near as possible so that they could pick him up.

All the time they were in danger of being sucked down with the ship.

Told To Go

Captain W. H. Bevan, of Cardiff, was on the bridge when the ship was hit.

"There was a terrific bump," he said. "I had read about torpedoes and imagined that these days they must be much more deadly than those used in the last war."

"At first I did not think we had been torpedoed. I thought we had hit something."

"I ordered Sparks to send out an SOS. The ship was on an even keel then, and going down by the stern."

"When she started to stand up, with her bows almost perpendicular, I thought it time to get into the boats, so I told Sparks not to wait for the 'All-clear'—the indication that other ships had picked up his SOS."

"He reported that he would not go until he knew that help was coming. I told him not to be a fool and risk his life. He still said 'No.'"

"When we were in the boats we saw that the water had reached her funnel. It was the most amazing sight to see it pouring in."

"Sparks was still on the bridge. 'She slipped down like a lady and almost kissed us goodbye, but we were afraid she would take the boats with her.'"

"Sparks at last came to the port side and slid down a rope. We had been waiting for him on the starboard side."

"When the ship had gone I saw him hanging to a hatch cover with a lifebelt round his neck, yelling 'show us where he was.' When we nudged him up he was about all-in." One man lost his life in the Sultan Star—George Taylor, of Liverpool, an engine room storekeeper.

BELIEVES DEADLY WAR NEAR

Says German Planes Can Destroy British Fleet!

PHILADELPHIA, (UP).—London, Paris, Berlin and the other great cities of warring European nations are doomed to destruction "as soon as the nations finally are aligned diplomatically," believes Capt. Eddie Rickenbacker, America's foremost ace in the World War.

Rickenbacker predicted the annihilation of the British fleet by the Nazi air force if the Germans decide to pursue such a course.

"Three or four planes attacking a battleship may be shot down," Rickenbacker said, "but when the planes start coming over in waves, it's just a matter of percentages."

Fliers To Be Wiped Out

"Eventually, we will see London, Paris and Berlin destroyed by gas and fire caused by planes, but 90 days after aerial warfare really starts the trained pilots of both sides will be dead because of improved anti-aircraft fire. Then both sides will go back to trench and dugout, with only occasional aerial bombing."

The World War ace, who brought down 26 German planes in 1918, estimated the average expectancy of war pilots at 30 days, once aerial warfare starts in earnest.

Pilot's Life 30 Days

"But it will be worth it," he said, "not to the pilot but to his military forces, because in those 30 days his power of destruction will be enormous."

Rickenbacker anticipated an alliance of Germany, Italy, England and France to fight Soviet Russia eventually, and urged that the United States stay out of the combat at all costs.

"If the United States goes in," he said, "we will have to maintain a standing army over there for the next 100 years after this war ends to see that another doesn't start."

Censors Can't Stop Them from Laughing

If laughter is a shield against adversity, Britain, France and—probably—Germany all are polishing their shields these days.

For the legions of Europe still laugh come what may to-morrow. In the factories, at the front or on the farm, civilians and soldiers continue exchanging anecdotes of the day, probably with that well-worn preface, "Stop me if you've heard this one, but—"

And then the joke begins. If it is an English lube it may run thus:

"The only real trouble with German minorities, you know, is that they are ruling Germany."

"The Germans make war without declaring it," and the Allies declare war without making it." And this leads to a similar one. "The civilians ask when the war will end, and the soldiers ask when it will begin."

Hark The A.R.P.

Every war produces its characteristic jokes. But modern satire, complicated by extensive regulations and restrictions, affects all levels and quarters of society. The blackout, of course, produced dozens of quips. Sometimes the humour of a period penetrates the attitude of people much more revealingly than an essay on civil and social habits. For example: "A. R. P. has given many people the chance to admire the beauty of the countryside to which they have been transferred and to see the pattern of the open road—now that it is really open. To Londoners it has given an opportunity of seeing the stars in their sky which used to be reddened by neon advertisements of stars on earth."

Not A Dull Moment

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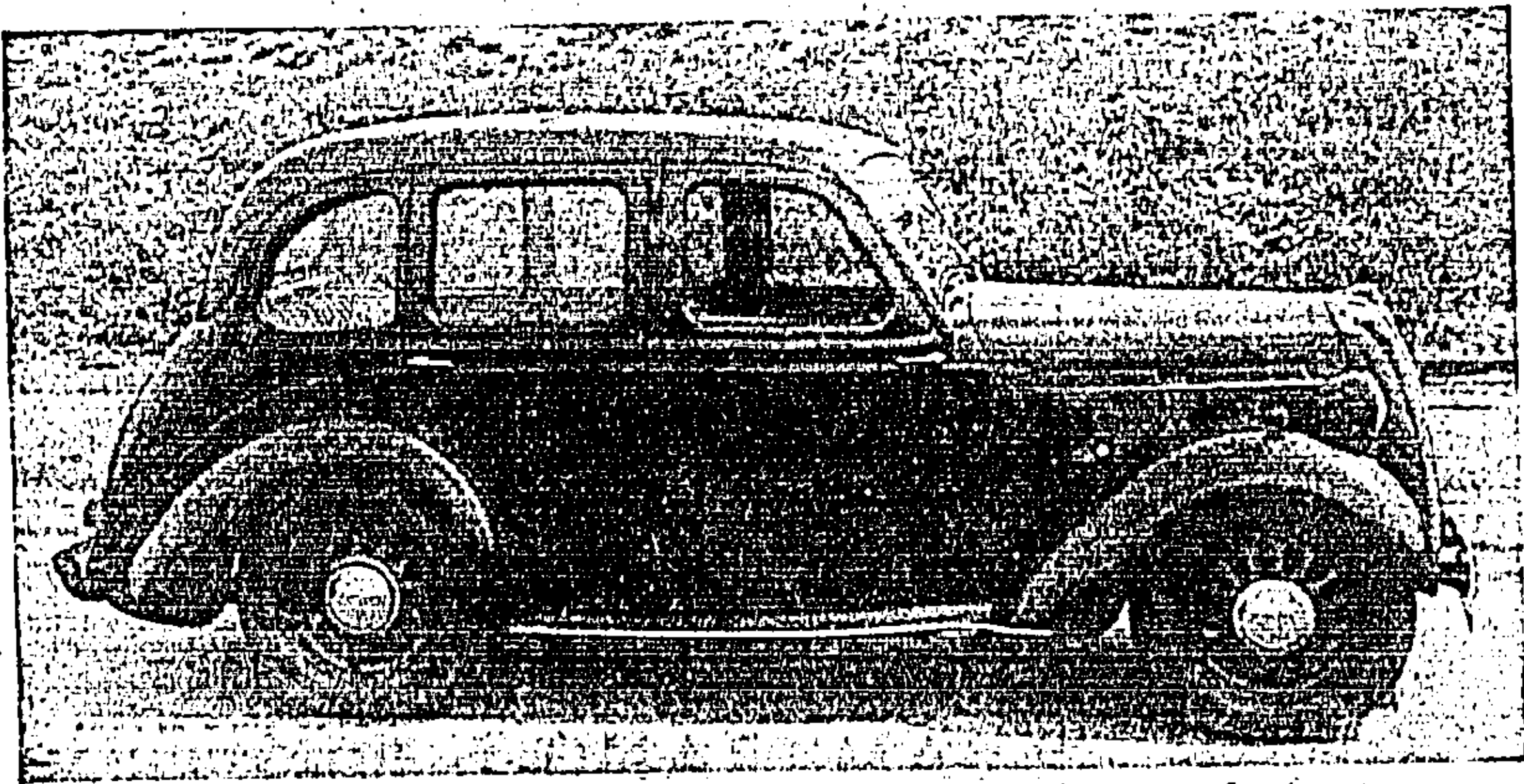
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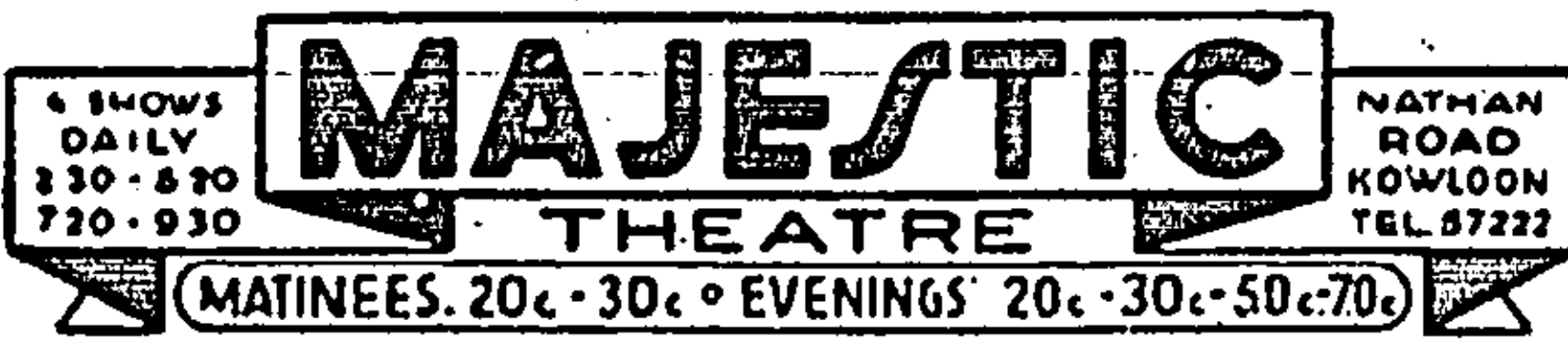
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MR. ERNEST BEVIN, general secretary of the Transport Workers' Union, wants even closer association between the British and French Empires.

Speaking in Bristol, he said that Britain and France had begun to pool their Empires for war purposes.

"It has got to be done for the purposes of peace. I strongly urge that there shall be what is virtually a Customs union between the great French Empire and the British Empire," he added.

There would be a chance to line up the world on the basis of Mr. Cordell Hull's American policy and ease the situation with the United States.

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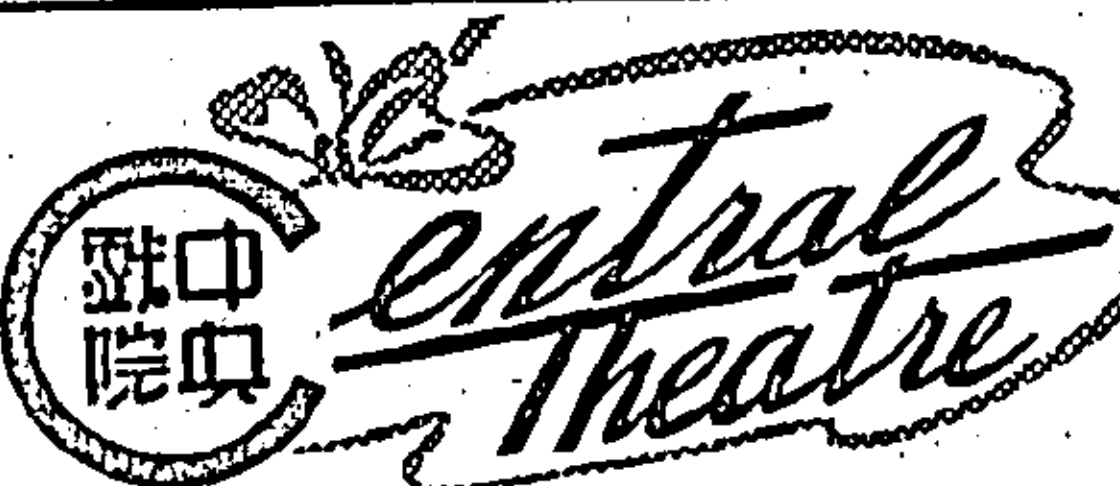
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This is \$67,000,000 less than President Roosevelt recommended.

Scapa Flow Raid Casualties

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Two civilians and one serviceman were wounded by shell splinters during last night's German raid on Scapa Flow.

Otherwise no other reports of damage have been confirmed.

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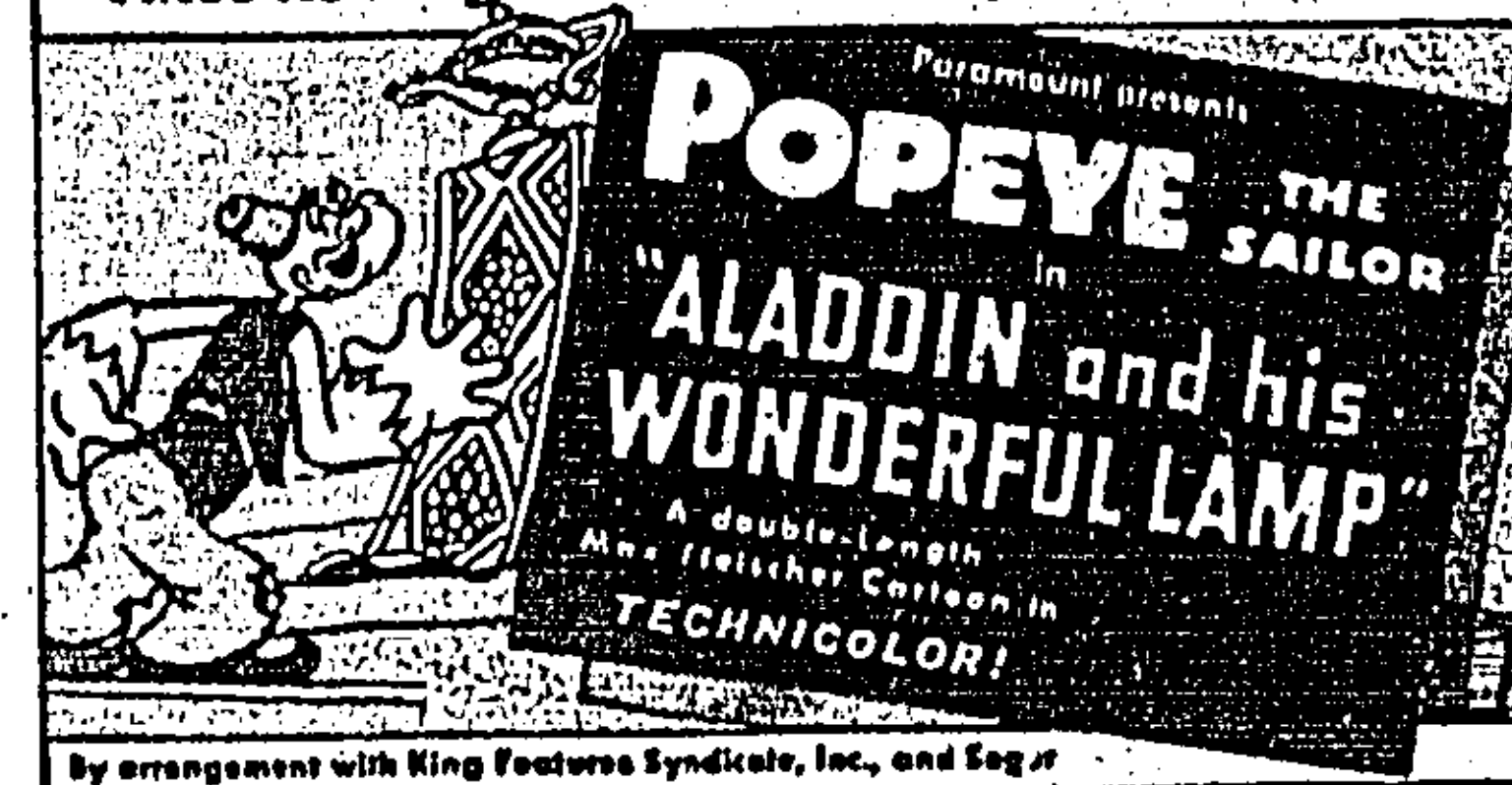
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I was on the DEUTSCHLAND

I AM one of the very few "foreigners" who have ever been shown over the pride of the Nazi Navy—the 10,000 ton pocket-battleship, Deutschland.

I arrived at the top of the gangway to the accompaniment of the normal ostentatious Teutonic heel-clicking, to be met by my host—a typical young Prussian.

The Deutschland's quarter-deck was much the same as most warships, but somewhat restricted in area owing to the presence of two sets of quadruple torpedo-tubes on it, and dominated by the three eleven-inch guns of the after turret, whose name was Hindenburg (each gun turret in German ships has a name of its own).

As I climbed the ladder from the quarter-deck to the upper deck I was able to observe closely the armoured plating of the ship, and it was any indication of the armoured plating of the rest of the ship, then the pocket-battleship may be more accurately called armoured ship, which is just what the Germans do call it—"Panzer-schiff"—not "Schlachschiff," as they call a battleship.

Just forward of Hindenburg were the Admiral's and Captain's quarters, with a seaman sentry—drawn bayonet in hand—outside the door. The ship was exceptionally clean, and the men smartly dressed in their customary loose white "blouses," ordinary sailors' trousers, and their "long-tailed" cap ribbons, inscribed "Panzer-schiff Deutschland," which hang, pig-tail fashion, down their backs.

THE "Fährichsmesse" (Junior Officers' Mess) was the next place in our itinerary.

It was not even comparable to a British Gunroom—its nearest equivalent—being very uncomfortable and much too small for its twenty inmates.

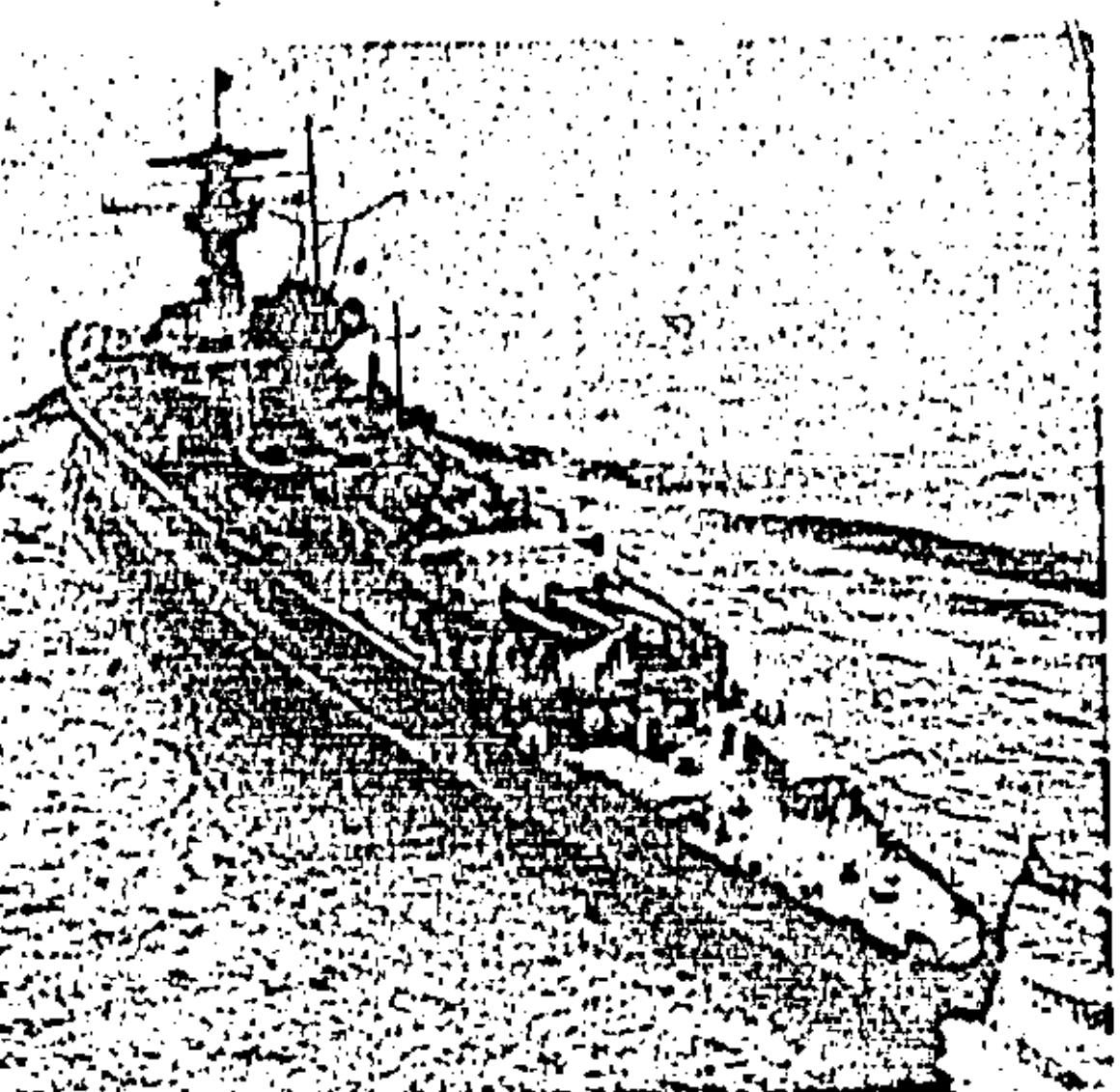
The German "Fährich" has no real equivalent in the British Navy, as, although, he is ranked with a Midshipman, he is considerably older and much more fully trained, and is also able to specialise in Gunnery, Torpedoes, Navigation, or Engineering at his comparatively early stage, before he is promoted to "Unterleutnant"—Sub-Lieutenant.

The pros and cons of the wisdom of this method raise far too many highly specialised and controversial questions to be discussed here. The "Fährichsmesse" is, however, only the Fährich's living and study space, he meets with the other officers in the Wardroom, which is very large and luxurious in the Deutschland, panelled in light oak, light, lofty, and stretching almost the full width of the ship.

On entering it must be greeted with the customary Nazi salutation, but the Quarter-deck—saluted by seamen through the ages—is apparently not entitled to recognition by the Nazis.

The inevitable picture of the Fuehrer—actually smiling—hung in the Wardroom, but here it had competition in the shape of another picture, that of Hindenburg.

But even in 1930 the German Navy was definitely the Nazi Navy, although the officers tactfully refrained from talking politics, indulging in that obscure Nazi habit of thrusting down the throat of the victim tales of the wisdom and



goodness of their Leader, and of the wonders and advantages of life in the New Germany. However, they had most excellent Hock in the Wardroom—double the work of Herr von Ribbentrop, who had not yet risen to the shabby heights of the Nazi hierarchy—and a piano well played by one of the officers.

Forward of the Wardroom were two narrow corridors leading forward, looking exactly like those long corridors in liners, enamelled a fawn colour, well lit, with the officers' cabins opening through polished mahogany doors on the outboard side and bath-rooms, store-rooms, etc., on the inboard side.

At the end of the corridor was a watertight door, leading to the fore-part of the ship.

THROUGH this door we continued our way forward, passing the engine-room doors—"verboten" to me—to the crew's mess-decks.

These were much the same as our own, except that the wooden mess tables and benches were stowed overhead when not in use, leaving a large and apparently pointless empty space.

This space was very clean, well-scrubbed floors, the walls enamelled a blue off-white, and plenty of scuttles for light and air. Painted on the bulk-heads—only about thirty feet apart, even above the waterline—was the name of the compartment and, in compartments below the waterline there were also blueprints on boards showing the plan, cross-section and elevation of the ship at that point, and full details of the pumping, flooding and draining arrangements.

Hammocks, made of dark red canvas, were neatly lashed up and stowed in bins where convenient. Forward of the mess-decks was the "canteen." This was an elaborate affair looking very like any small German "Bierstube," with small marble-topped tables and light wooden chairs.

Forward again of this Bierstube was the Petty Officers' Mess, also a very fine large place, and conveniently situated. The greater part of the men of the Nazi Navy come from Bavaria oddly enough (hence the importance of the Bierstube), but the majority of the officers are Prussians.

WE now went up to the Navigating bridge, which was a very spacious semi-circular and totally enclosed space, with large square ports all round.

Inside it was a small armoured conning tower, again "verboten." Above this, by contrast, the Signal bridge seemed inadequately small, and above the "verboten" conning tower was a small armoured position rumoured to contain secret instruments.

Here my Prussian Gunnery officer guide got into his stride for the first time.

He was enthusiastically endeavouring to explain this scientific marvel to me in broken English and German mixed, when one of his more discreet comrades-in-arms pointed out that this was also "verboten," and I was hustled out.

This was a pity because, given time, this loquacious and boastful Prussian would have told me quite a lot about the five complicated looking instruments in there, which happened to be his action station.

The impression I received of the ship was on the whole good, but apart from the fact that so much had been contained in so light a tonnage (10,000), which is more an engineering achievement than a fighting quality, I do not think that either she or her two sisters—Admiral Graf Spee and Admiral Scheer—constitute a grave menace to our Navy.

A. H. FORBES

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For example, a picture of Johnny pouting over his spinach, or trying to puzzle out an especially hard problem in arithmetic.

Try to make your picture truthful to the character.

Sometimes the face alone is sufficient for the picture. In other cases, you may want to show the subject in his or her normal setting.

For example, a sweet-faced grandmother in her favourite chair by the window, busy with her sewing basket.

These accessories, the basket and chair, would help explain the subject. They would also add truth and natural quality to the picture.

When the face only is shown, a plain background is best. With most cameras, you will have to include more than the subject's head. However, when an enlargement is made, everything except the head can be masked out. The picture above was enlarged in that manner—the original negative included the subject from the waist up.

CHARACTER pictures can be taken indoors or out.

It's fun to take them indoors with photo lights, for then you can try different lighting effects, and choose the one that brings out the subject's character to best advantage.

It's also fun to create characters for pictures, by means of costume and make-up.

Dig down into the family trunks or storage boxes, and find some old-fashioned dresses or outmoded suits. Have members of the family dress up in these, and pose for a series of "old family album" pictures.

Also, try creating characters—such as a pirate, or an old-time scissor grinder.

This isn't difficult, for with a little cleverness, you can improvise various costumes easily, just from materials you find around the house.

Making character studies will develop your skill as a photographer—and it's a type of picture-taking you should know. Try it—you'll have plenty of fun.



Character studies make interesting, truthful pictures—well worth having in your snapshot collection.

SCIENCE

DEATH FASTER THAN LIGHTNING

NOT even the creators of "Buck Rogers", of comic-strip fame, ever envisioned a death ray that would kill as rapidly as a lethal radiation recently produced by Dr. H. C. Rentschler and Milton Hoyt at the Westinghouse Lamp Division research laboratories in Bloomfield, New Jersey, U.S.A.

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By means of a microscope and a projector, images of the organism are then projected on a screen at a magnification of about 200 diameters. Bent around and slightly above the pool of culture is a short Sterilamp,

connected to a source of direct current through a spark gap with spherical electrodes. Connected across the direct-current line is a bank of capacitors, which store up electricity until the breakdown voltage of the spark gap is reached. At that instant all of the energy stored in the capacitors is discharged through the Sterilamp and causes it to emit powerful ultraviolet radiations.

The reaction on an observer is startling: Hairy-looking, ovate paramedusa dart aimlessly hither and thither about the illuminated screen. One becomes fascinated by their senseless scampering. Then a sharp cackle as the spark gap flashes, and there is no more movement. The organisms do not slow down gradually; they stop instantly, most of them partly exploded by the intensity of the death ray.

WHAT practical application such a device is likely to have is anybody's guess.

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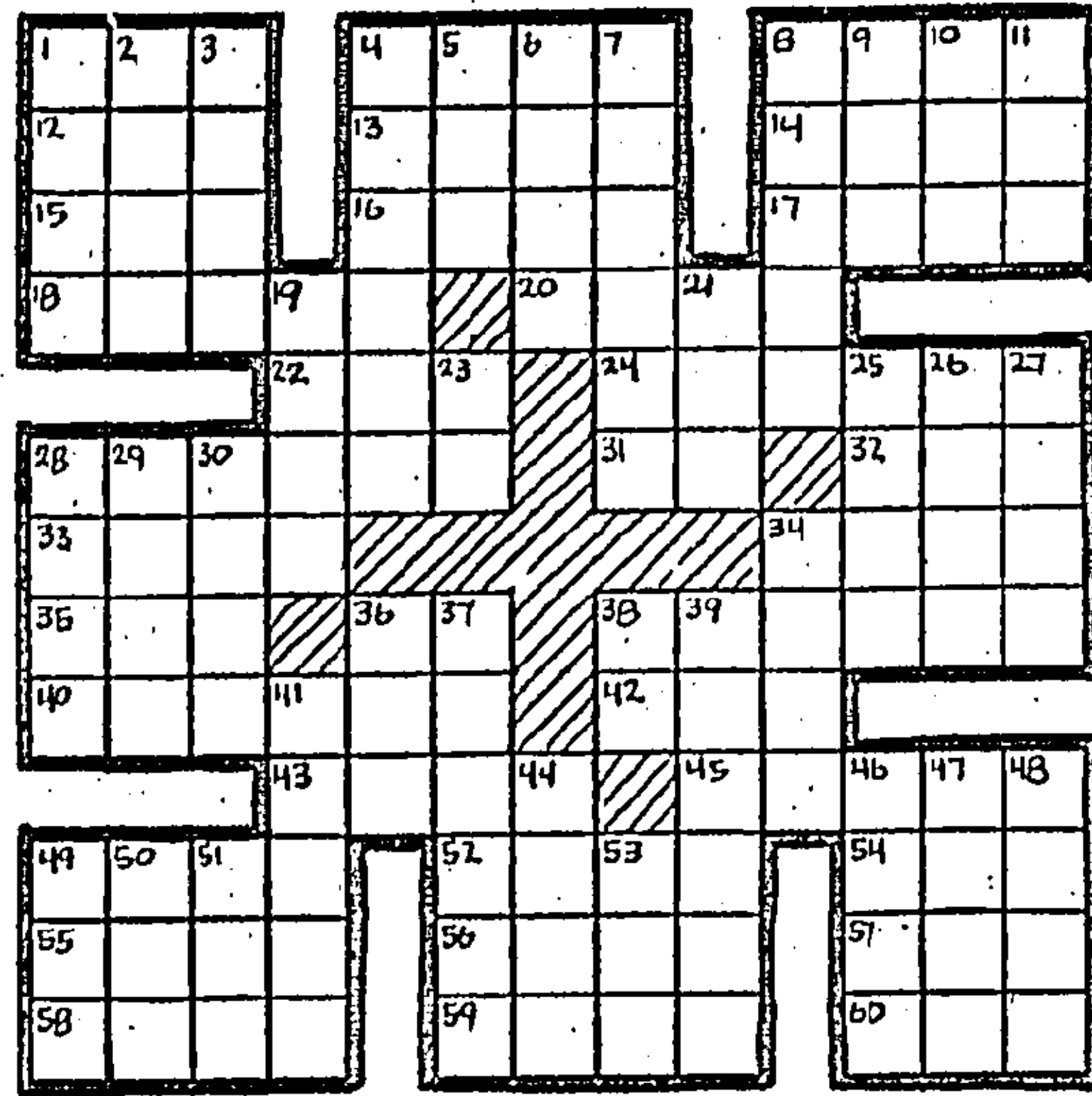
1—Snake
2—Fairy growth
3—Joke (silly)
4—Excitation
5—Happily
6—Cautious hint
7—British politician
8—User
9—English school
10—Allotment
11—Silver sailor
12—Unhappily
13—French article
14—Card game
15—None
16—Revolution of wheel
17—Sole of shoe
18—Abashed
19—Journey
20—Jockey
21—Added again
22—Stillicious prohibition
23—Smoked
24—Hall
25—Jim's dog
26—Wander
27—To the right
28—Vegetable

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1—Heavenly body
2—Termination
3—Priest's vestments
4—Liquid food

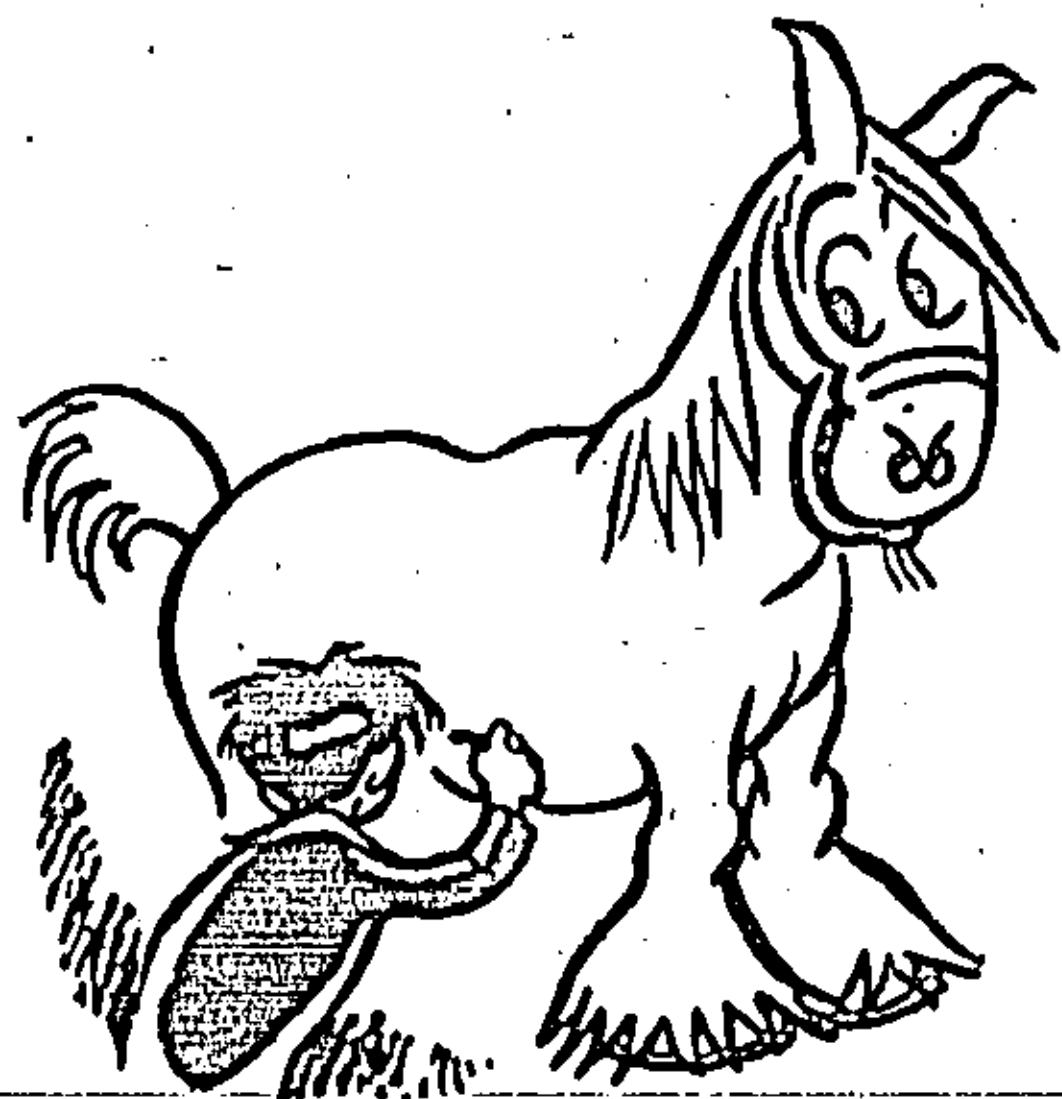
Answers to previous puzzles

1—Piranha fairy
2—Small fish (p.l.)
3—Arrow pointing to mind
4—Heater
5—Breeze
6—Deposited
7—New metal
8—Exclamation
9—Country pear
10—Jewelry
11—Blood as to loss
12—Vest
13—Intrigue measure
14—Time done
15—Intrigue
16—Part of churches
17—Sole
18—Praise
19—Buck
20—Salary
21—Level
22—Action
23—Label
24—Reverend
25—Insect
26—Girl's name



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RHODESIA RIOT

Police Fire On And Kill Ten Native Strikers

NDOLA, N. Rhodesia, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Ten natives were killed, nine seriously injured and 20 were wounded when troops fired on native strikers in the Nkana concession of the Luangwa district in Northern Rhodesia.

The trouble started when 3,000 strikers sought to interfere with 150 other natives while they were drawing their pay.

Anglo-French Solidarity

Schools To Make Big Contribution

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Further evidence of Anglo-French solidarity was given yesterday when Earl de la Warr, President of the British Board of Education, broadcast from Paris to the young people of France and England on the contribution which the schools of both countries could make towards Anglo-French unity.

He pointed out that there was a sphere more important than schools where young France and young England are to-day picking their ideas and laying the foundations of their future lives.

Challenge To Freedom
The challenge to freedom would be answered in the immediate future by French and British arms, he said, but in the long view it was a direct challenge to the schools on the quality of the human beings they are turning out.

There must be full international understanding on the united front of the Western democracies, he said, and to this end the English schools were already engaged in special methods of instructing their pupils on the ideals of culture and the achievements of France.

New plans have been made and programmes drawn up for school broadcasts, films and lectures.

An exchange of visits between teachers and children will also be arranged.

Strong Following For Roosevelt

MILWAUKEE, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Candidates who have pledged themselves to re-elect President Roosevelt gained the majority of votes in the Wisconsin democratic presidential preference, primary to-day.

The latest returns from 1,844 districts give 108,210 votes to the candidates pledged to President Roosevelt and 50,800 votes to Vice-President Mr. J. Edgar Hoover.

3 To 1 For Roosevelt
NEW YORK, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Democratic Party of Wisconsin has voted 3 to 1 in support of President Roosevelt for his third term office.

The other candidates supported Mr. John Garner, the Vice-President.

In the Republican Primaries also held here Mr. Thomas Dewey, the District Attorney of New York, was given a 2 to 1 lead over Senator Vandenberg.

In the somewhat complicated system of American politics one State's primary does not produce any concrete result, but the present result is regarded generally in the United States as an indication of President Roosevelt's prospects should he decide to stand for his third term of office.

BIG DECREASE IN UNEMPLOYMENT

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, Apr. 3 (UP).—The number of registered unemployed in Britain in the middle of March totalled 1,121,213 which is the lowest figure since June 1929.

This total represents a decrease of 304,000 since February which is one of the largest decreases in one month seen for many years.

Substantial Improvement
LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Ministry of Labour announces a substantial improvement in the unemployment figures.

Between February 12 and March 11, the number of persons unemployed fell by 303,000 to 1,121,000.

Compared with March 1939, this was a reduction of 605,000.

A large part of the increase in employment was due to an improvement in the weather conditions, but in addition there has been a general increase in industry activity from other causes.

AXE MURDER ARREST

Detective Sub-Inspector Darkin early this morning arrested Le Kue, aged 20, in connection with the murder at Blue Pool Road, Wongmichong yesterday, when an earth cocoon was attacked by a man with a large axe.

The victim, Chan Ming, aged 40, was attacked while working on a building site just off the Blue Pool Road. His head was split open. The man died on his way to hospital.

RUSSIA'S HUGE BUDGET

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"

MOSCOW, Apr. 3 (UP).—The Union Council of the Supreme Soviet to-day concluded their debate by adopting a final budget providing for revenue totalling approximately 184,000,000,000 roubles.

Expenditures total about 180,000,000,000 roubles including 47,000,000,000 for the Army and 10,000,000,000 roubles for the Navy.

Tightening Blockade

New British Measures Not Yet Known

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—There is no indication yet regarding the character of the intensified blockade measures which Mr. Chamberlain announced in the House of Commons, learns "Reuters" diplomatic correspondent.

It is obvious that in matters affecting Britain's relations with neutral Powers and involving questions of international law which Britain still recognises and scrupulously practices, any new departure has to be considered from every angle and with the utmost circumspection.

It is, therefore, felt in well-informed circles that some days have yet to elapse before evidence of the Allies' policy takes shape.

Important London Talks

It is expected that the various heads of British missions in the Balkans will reach London by the week-end so that talks can begin on Monday.

Great importance is attached to the opportunity of the presence of these experienced diplomats in London for talks with the Foreign Office.

It is obvious that Germany has been using methods of commercial pressure in the Balkans. There is no doubt about the sympathy of the Balkan states and the problem is to convince them that the Allies are in a position to save them from any German stranglehold.

In this connection the growing strength of the Allied army in the Middle East should prove a most useful card.

Intentions Obscure

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—While neutral newspapers are not over-concerned with the probable intensification of the blockade, Stockholm circles feel that the British intentions are at the moment obscure.

Mr. Chamberlain's hint that neutrals may and themselves barred from the Empire's resources unless they give Britain an assurance that they will limit their exports to Germany has caused some alarm.

This alarm is not caused by fear of Britain or the Allies, but by what Germany might do if neutrals give Britain the required assurances.

Difficulties Ahead

In the Netherlands, it is felt that the giving of such a guarantee is bound to expose neutrals to retaliatory action by Germany.

Practically the whole of the neutral Press agrees that a difficult time lies ahead of them.

In Italy, Mr. Chamberlain's speech is considered to herald a plan for rationing the neutral States by the Allies. There is criticism based on the assumption that quotas will be fixed on the level of pre-war imports.

S.M.C. ELECTION: NEW MOVE

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
SHANGHAI, Apr. 3 (UP).—The leading American taxpayers here are discussing the possibility of requesting the Consular body to persuade the Municipal Council to postpone the local elections in view of the continued existence of abnormal conditions in Shanghai.

Opposition To Japanese
SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuters).—Japan's bid to gain control of the International Settlement is to be vigorously fought by the British and American communities.

The British and American election committees to-day decided to rally the voters round a platform and ask for the maintenance of the existing ratio of councillors—five British, two American and two Japanese.

LITVINOV VERY SERIOUSLY ILL

STOCKHOLM, Apr. 4 (Reuters).—M. Max Litvinov, the former Soviet Foreign Commissar, is very seriously ill according to a Moscow report.

Stock Exchange Is Quietly Steady

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Stock Exchange to-day was quietly steady. Chinese loans advanced on unconfirmed rumours of the possibility of development in the Customs Loan position.

Gold-mining shares spurted shortly before the close of trading, while the movements of other groups were mainly small.

Wall Street was steady.

HINTS TO NEUTRALS

British Press Justifies Blockade Threat

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The general line of comment in the Home press yesterday dealt with Mr. Chamberlain's speech.

The papers are of the opinion that although the intensification of the blockade, which he forecast, may damage neutrals, in the long run they will benefit from any measure taken to shorten the war.

The "Times" says that we are dealing with a criminal nation. If in the heat of battle some blows fall on the neutrals they must bear their injuries as patiently as they can.

Their Battle Also

It is their battle as much as ours, says the paper, and it is not unreasonable for us to ask the neutrals to apply a benevolent and not a strict interpretation of the laws of neutrality.

The "Manchester Guardian" says that Germany's criminal attacks on the neutrals justifies reprisals under international law.

It means hardship for the neutrals if the blockade is intensified but the thing the neutrals will feel most and mention least is the feeling that if they fulfil the British demands it may involve them with Germany.

The "Daily Telegraph" says that the neutrals may benefit from trade with the Allies but the resources of the British and French empires can only be permitted them if they limit their trade with Germany.

Economic strategy of this kind brings on peril to any neutral state.

Only Hope Of Survival

All know that their only hope of survival as nations is the overthrow of the Nazi Reich.

The "Yorkshire Post" comments that our policy is to treat Nazi Germany as a caged beast to be deprived progressively of the nourishment necessary for fighting strength.

Germany cannot break from the cage without facing grave dangers.

A similar point is made by the "Glasgow Herald" which, however, goes on to say that we should not wait to see what Hitler is going to do. In the paper's opinion there should be other action against Germany as well.

The "Daily Express" insists that we must seek for other means as well of bringing the war to a close.

We must adopt sterner methods and harsher measures.

Harsher Measures Demand
The "Daily Herald" while supporting Mr. Chamberlain's speech on the whole, does not like being told to wait and see.

The "Daily Mail" asks that concerted action be taken with Britain's three-pronged weapon, the navy, the armies of the Empire and monetary wealth.

The "News Chronicle" also calls for action. The best way of keeping up our spirits will be to show by deeds that the Allies really mean to give teeth to the blockade.

The High Command of the German Army was also represented at the meeting.

PRINCESS ROYAL REVIEWS TROOPS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—H. R. H. The Princess Royal to-day reviewed the Royal Canadian Corps of Signals at Aldershot.

She wore the uniform of Commandant of the A.T.S. and was received by Major-General Andrew McNaughton, Commander-in-Chief of the Canadian forces.

CHILDREN'S SPORTS

The Annual Children's Sports Meeting of the Children's Playgrounds Association, postponed last Saturday because of rain, is to take place to-day at the Southern Playground, Wanchai, commencing from 2.30 p.m.

Prizes will be distributed at 5.30 p.m. by Lady MacGregor. All interested are cordially invited to attend.

Rawalpindi Gift To War Fund

NEW DELHI, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—The Governor of Punjab to-day was presented with a contribution of Rs. 4,500 for the Victory's War Purposes Fund by the people of the Rawalpindi district.

He said that it was fitting that the name of their district should be for ever associated with the example of the courage of the men of the British merchant ship, Rawalpindi, which was sunk in the North Atlantic by the German pocket battleship, Deutschland.

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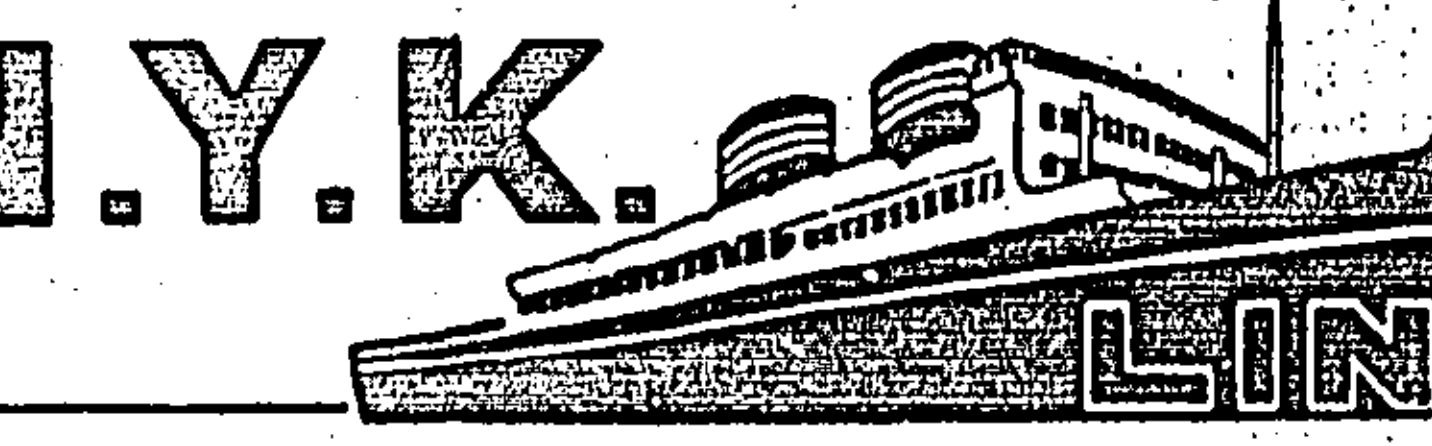
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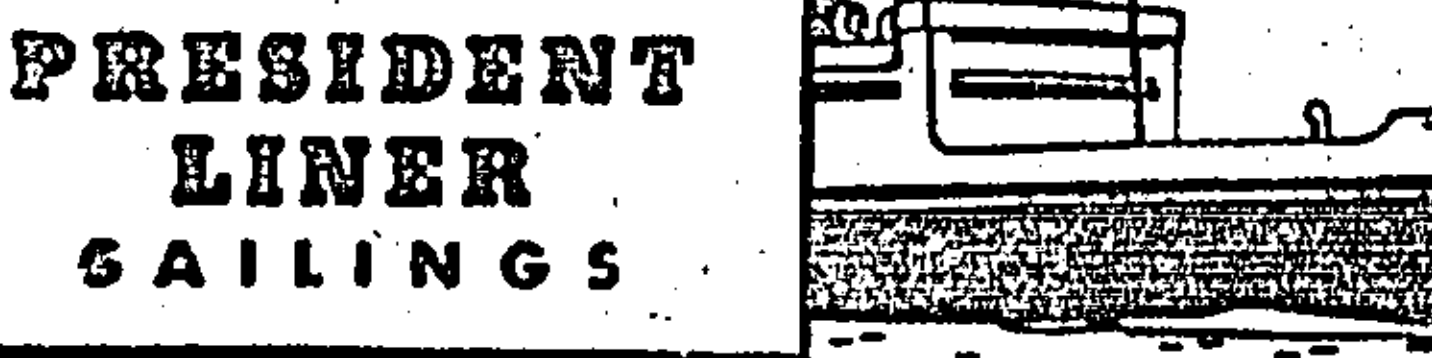
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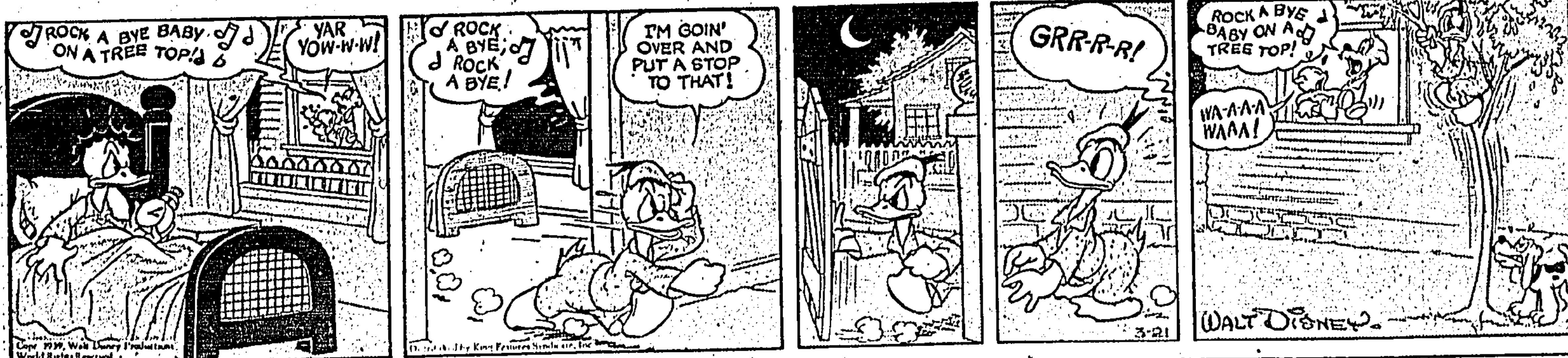
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ANDY HARDY GETS SPRING FEVER

ADAPTED FROM THE MEXICO GOLDWYN MOVIE PICTURE
by BEATRICE FABER

Synopsis: It is Springtime in Carvel, but Judge Hardy's pleasant reveries are interrupted by a visit of two men, Willis and Hansen, who tell him that he is about to make a fortune. Certain acreage, owned by the Judge has been found to contain eight per cent. aluminium. Though excited by the news, he cautiously sends off a sample of the soil for analysis. In the meantime, though, Spring has dealt Andy Hardy a heavy blow. His girl, Polly, is entertaining a dashing Naval Ensign and when Andy calls on her she greets him with indifference.

THE following Sunday Judge Hardy had started to make good on his promise to his young daughter. If Marian was really that keen on getting a job some practice in shorthand might not be amiss. The door opened and Andy stepped into the room.

His step was slow, his heart heavy. What a night he had spent.

Last evening, hiding behind a hedge of bridal wreath had seen Polly leaving the house with the Ensign. She had been wearing a fluffy pink dress and cape and he had been in full dress uniform.

Andy could still see her, looking more beautiful than any girl in the world—and belonging to another. He sighed with misery and handed his father a letter. "For you Dad. Special Delivery."

The Judge's eyes widened as he ripped open the envelope. It was from the Physics Department of the University of Waterloo.

"Dear Jim," it read. "Received the sample you sent me and here is the analysis you wanted. The soil contains eight per cent. aluminium." "The Judge let out a roar. "Hooraay!"

"My goodness Dad," Marian said disapprovingly. "Really, old people oughtn't to let themselves go like that."

"He'll be doin' the Rumbun next," Andy said languidly. The Judge clapped him on the shoulder. "No, but you'll be doing some arithmetic for me. Step into my den and exercise that mind of yours for a change."

When Andy was at his father's desk in the next room the Judge started. "If a product sells for twenty cents a pound in the open market and it is contained in soil weighing approximately a ton to a cubic yard—"

"Got it," Andy said tersely. "And there is eight per cent in the soil and 100 acres of soil—He was going the floor. "Let's see the earth's crust is approximately a hundred miles. But suppose we only dig ten. Well, Andy, how much would that come to? Well? Well? Figure it in dollars."

Feverishly, Andy calculated. Then, if we just dig down a foot—or five feet—still mean millions. Why, it's incredible."

Andy nodded without hearing or caring what it was all about. "Polly, Polly, Polly," he was scrawling on the paper. "Sure Dad, that's swell, I guess."

The Judge suddenly eyed him. "Say, maybe your mother was right. You need some sulphur and molasses."

"Pop," Andy said miserably, "sometimes I think families lay awake nights trying to think up ways to make a guy miserable."

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NEXT morning, he walked dispiritedly into the Speaking Dramatics class.

Ge, the going to be plain torture. He'd have to look at Polly's face for a whole forty-five minutes—and know all the time that she was running around with that old Ensign Charlie.

Then he saw a note on his desk and opened it. "Dear Mr. Andy Hardy," he read. "After our last conversation, kindly do not bother me again. Miss Polly Benedict."

The door opened and the principal addressed them. "May I have the class' attention, please?"

Andy didn't even bother to look up. "There was bitterness in his heart. So Miss Polly Benedict was the grudge-holding kind, huh? She didn't like it that he had called her a child in front of Ensign Cooper. Well, if that was the way she felt



about it, he guessed he could tell something in a letter too.

"Dear Miss Benedict," he wrote. "Who wants to bother you again? If you mean me, I got better things to do." Furtively, he scribbled on.

Mr. Davis was speaking to the class. "I'm sorry to say that your dramatics teacher is ill and won't be with us for the rest of the term."

Miss Rose Meredith will take charge of the dramatics class starting to-morrow. In the meantime, I would like to introduce her. Miss Meredith comes to us from the State University where she majored in dramatics. I hope your students will give her a good impression of our school."

"Thank you Mr. Davis," a beautiful, velvety voice said.

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ANDY'S pencil stopped abruptly. He looked up and his head began to spin. Why, there stood the most ravishing creature he had ever seen.

"Good luck," Mr. Davis said pleasantly and closed the door behind him.

Rose Meredith spoke to the students. "I want you all to know," she said in rich, contralto tones, "that I'm glad to be here with you—that I want to be happy together and accomplish fine things."

Andy stared at her, stirred to the depths of his being by the strange beauty of his lovely sensitive mouth, her dark and tragic eyes set deeply into a pale, oval face.

She continued to talk and her voice was music in his ears. Once she smiled in his direction, a faint, passing smile and a tremor went over him.

"Instead of presenting a published play this season," she was saying, "I think it would be a fascinating experiment to have the whole project carried out by the students themselves. In other words, we'll write the play, paint the scenery, make the costumes, so that when it's presented to an audience, it will be a real accomplishment."

She stopped for a brief second, conscious of Andy's worshipful eyes. Startled, she look away.

"The first thing is to write the play," she said. "For that, I'd suggest taking a well-known drama and using it as a model. Take a similar theme; follow the pattern of the scenes, the unfolding of the story. Try to build the characters in the same way."

She made a graceful little gesture of finality. "I'll explain more fully to-morrow but please bring some play suggestions with you. You might look up the comedies of Shakespeare and Sheridan. Thank you. Class dismissed."

There was the thunder of the class rising to its feet and a babel of voices. Sitting to the left of Andy, play suggestions. He blinked. "Boy! A swell dish, ain't she, huh?"

Andy stiffened with anger. "She looks like a lady to me."

Stickin' Plaster's voice piped up. "Say, do you really s'pose they'll let me in on this play? I'm just crazy about everything about the

theatre. Gee, I'd like to be a actor."

"I can't imagine anything worse," Beeszy said calmly. "Strong, Andy."

"Okay, boy," Andy was staring at Miss Meredith and his fingers were slowly tearing to bits a piece of paper. It was Polly's letter. Then he took a deep breath and walked to the doorway where Miss Meredith was speaking to a student.

"Well," she was saying, "I think Camille's a little—ah—advanced for our class. Tommy, read Cyrano de Bergerac to-night. Maybe that will give you an idea."

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THE last pupil left and without seeing Andy she walked to the window and stared out.

"The place was silent now. It was pleasant but just a little frightening, for solitude, she had found, gave one time to think, to be unhappy. Then she swung around and Andy addressed her. "Oh, did you want anything?"

He nodded vigorously. "Yeah, I wanted to ask you—this 'theme' business you talked about. What did you mean?"

"Well," she looked past him and her voice was muted as she said, "In 'Romeo and Juliet' it's the theme of love that comes to a tragic end. 'A pair of star-cross'd lovers take their life.'"

"Gee, you've got a nice voice," Andy said. "Thank you. I've studied very hard. By the way, what's your name?"

"Andrew Hardy," he added, with a sideways look. "But all my friends call me Andy."

"I see." He was a nice boy though a bit intense about himself, perhaps. Might be a good worker in the class, though. "Well, Andy, I hope you write a good play. We'll need one."

"I'm gonna write a swell play," Andy nodded encouragingly. "A word of advice. Be sure you have a strong motivation for the plot. Through the open window, Andy could see Polly sauntering across the grass. Huh. She and her Ensign. Well, maybe she'd be finding out that Ensigns weren't the best fish in the ocean after all.

"Listen Miss Meredith," he said fiercely, "my motivation is perfect."

Andy is determined to get the world on fire and thus get his revenge on the sly little Polly. With his new-found interest in life, Rose Meredith, really inspire him to be a playwright? Be sure to read the next exciting episode.

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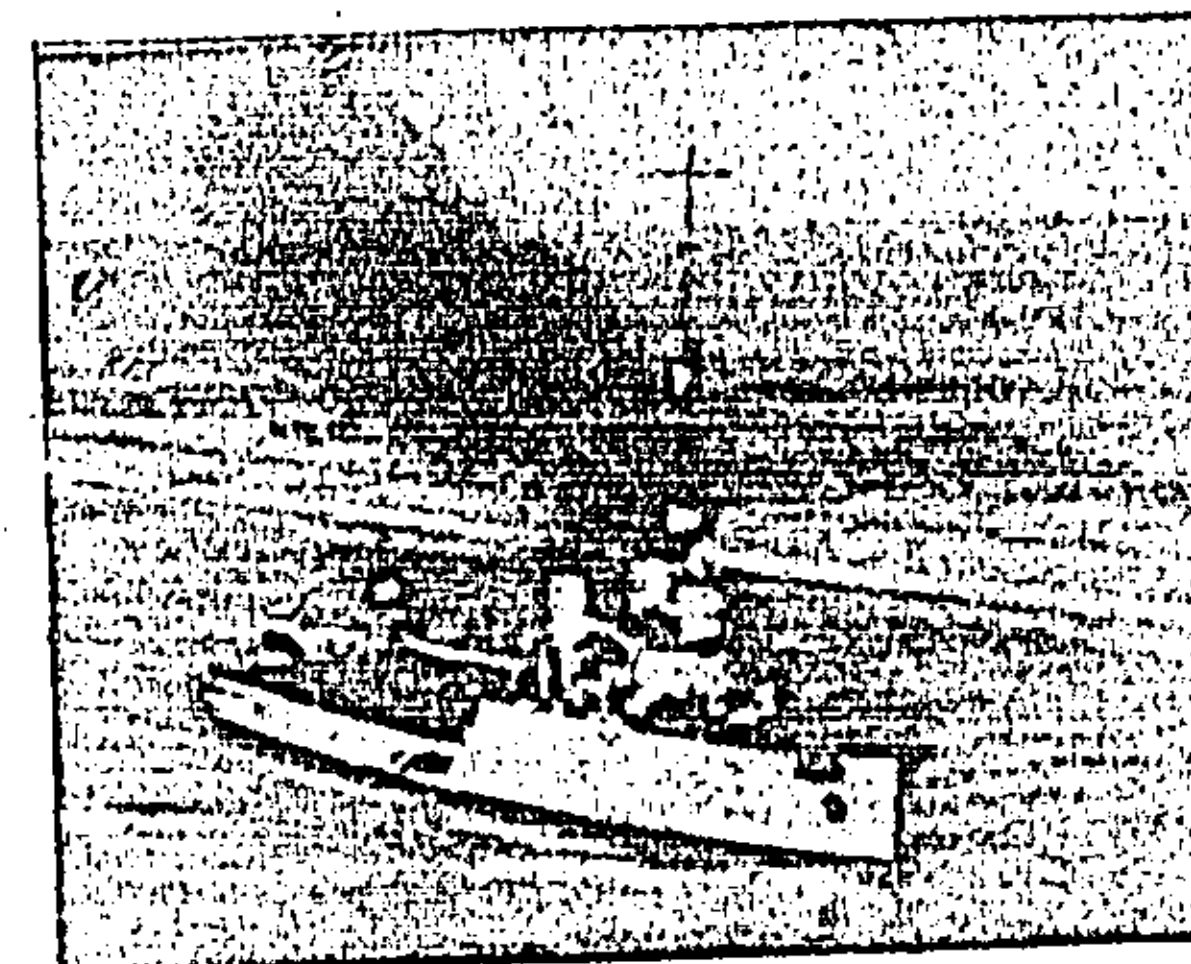
CHUNGKING, Apr. 4 (Central).—General Chiang Kai-shek has issued an order commending the patriotism of Chinese hawkers and merchants in Hongkong who recently raised and remitted \$4,000 to the National Military Council as a comfort fund for Chinese front-line troops in Kwangtung and Kwangsi.

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THE NAVY WENT OVER THE LAND

By the middle of August the fleet "set sail" on this unique over-land voyage; they were escorted by armed Ascaris as they "steamed" into the bush.

No sooner had the order to sail been given when things started to go wrong.

The engines gave trouble, the two ropes were not the proper length, and the track itself was not wide enough or the ground in places level enough.

It was as well this should happen at the very start, so as to accustom everyone to what was to follow. One difficulty after another had to be faced and overcome, breakdowns of all sorts occurred.

Snakes and scorpions had to be guarded against, especially at night as the latter are apt to get into one's boots if they get a chance, and their sting is as painful as a snake's.

This part of the jungle is also well known for its wild animals, though there was not much danger from these owing to the noise the convoy made on its passage.

Time and again the job seemed hopeless, sometimes no progress was made at all, and at others the progress in a whole day was barely a mile.

Some of the gradients were so steep that the traction engines could not tow. Storms and dust also frequently retarded their progress.

All the time great heat had to be endured, and furthermore the little party were always working against time, as the rainy season was not far off, and had this arrived the situation would indeed have been hopeless.

The crew themselves, during their long tramp, were frequently short of water, but they fortunately escaped the ravages of the tsetse fly, which carries with it the germ of sleeping sickness.

Eventually by the end of September the party had reached the plateau, but their troubles were not at an end, as the descent was almost as difficult as the ascent.

Heavy weights going down hills and paths which are winding and tortuous need a lot of looking after to ensure they do not outrun their power, and it would never have done for His Majesty's ships to be wrecked on the side of a hill.

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EVENTUALLY the long trek was completed and the fleet arrived at Sankisia, another railroad.

Here the two ships were once more put on railway trucks and proceeded in "luxury" another fifteen miles to Bukama, where they found themselves more in their own element, as they were soon afloat on the Luababa.

Steaming and towing they traversed a further four hundred miles till they reached another railroad at Kambilo towards the end of October.

Once more the fleet was put on a train for the last lap of their journey to Tanganyika, about five miles from the lake.

Simon constructed a short line over the last few miles and also a little harbour called Kaleme, consisting of a small breakwater built of rocks and boulders and some underwater rails, to enable his ships to be launched rapidly.

Simon received the assistance of the Belgian Commandant who commanded the small battery at Aliberville near by on the shores of the lake—in fact, Kaleme became an almost first-class fortified harbour.

In the meantime the ships were kept hidden among the trees and bushes on the shores of the lake—as it was thought that the Germans might have heard of their approach.

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ON Christmas Eve, after their five months' voyage by rail, road, and sea, the fleet was launched, cleaned up, and the guns and ammunition got ready for action.

Christmas Day was a well-earned holiday, but on Boxing Day at 9-40 a.m. the German Navy, in the shape of His Imperial Majesty's ships Kingani, a monster of 53 tons, was sighted steaming on a course that would take her straight past the harbour.

Simon waited till she was well past and then ordered his fleet to sea and made the signal to "Charge the Enemy."

He quickly overtook the Kingani and soon after 11-30 in the forenoon the action commenced. The Germans must have had the shock of their lives when they sighted the British fleet.

Guns were used at a range which was quickly reduced to less than 2,000 yards, and as the range decreased the rifles and quick-firing guns were brought into use as well.

The Mimi, using lyddite shell, soon started hitting and in a short time the Kingani, which at first had not been able to use her gun, as it would not fire astern, was badly hit.

The captain was killed, the gun put out of action, and some of the crew jumped overboard. The action was short and to the point.

Fires soon broke out on board and in less than a quarter of an hour the Kingani stopped and the engineer who was now in command surrendered the ship, which was brought as near the harbour as possible and beached in a sinking condition.

Misfortune now overtook one of Simon's ships, as the Toutou sank in a heavy storm—though as he had the Fifi, this was not so serious as it might have been.

Later she was repaired and added to the British Fleet as H.M.S. Fifi—a great asset as she had a 12-pounder gun mounted in her.

Eventually the Mimi closed to 4,000 yards and with the Fifi a little farther off, the two put shot after shot into the German, hitting her in the engine-room and setting the ship on fire.

The Germans fought gallantly on till their ship sank by the bows, with her colour still flying. Twenty of the crew were taken prisoners.

There now remained only two German ships on this inland sea.

One was a small fast motorboat, which was sighted one day by Simon's fleet, and the commander at once ran her aground and set fire to her; the other was the Graf von Goetzen, a large ship of 850 tons.

Although she carried more guns than either of the other ships which had fought, her captain decided not to face an action and to sink her.

Simon's work was done; the impossible had been achieved, the lake was clear of the enemy, and another page of adventure and endurance, combined with two successful naval actions, had been added to our history.

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8.30 Regimental Band of H.M. Coldstream Guards—Martial Moments, Wee Macgregor's Patrol, Policeman's Holiday—One Step.

8.45 B.B.C. Recording—"The Old Comrades' Club" Part 2—The Record of the British Expeditionary Force from Mons to Ypres, between August and November, 1914, by Beatrice Brice. Produced by Felix Felton and Val Gildig.

9.15 London Relay—News Summary.

9.30 London Relay—"Vive La France"—The sixth of a series on the life of the French Army and People.

9.45 French Songs by Albert Prejean and Charles Trenet.

10.00 London Relay—"From the Front Bench"—Talk by Lord Zeland on India.

10.15 Dance Music.

11.00 Close down.

Big Tanker Aground

Accident Off Ostend: Ship In No Danger

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BRUSSELS, April 3 (UP).—The largest Belgian oil tanker, the Iso Belgium (10,622 tons) belonging to the American Petroleum Company, is aground on a sandbank off Middlekerk, five miles west of Ostend.

The vessel was en route to Amsterdam when she grounded. Efforts to refloat the ship have so far been unsuccessful and will probably be postponed until the morning, when it is hoped that the tide will help her being refloated.

The vessel is at present in no danger. The crew are still aboard and could easily reach the nearby shore if necessary.

NAZIS DEMOLISH CZECH STATUES

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" PRAGUE, Apr. 3 (UP).—A monument to the famous Czech historian and champion of Czech independence, M. Denis as well as a large bronze tablet commemorating Czech independence Day were removed today and donated to Field Marshal Goering's collection of metal as a birthday present to Hitler.

Recently bronze statues of Moses and a famous Rabbi in Prague were removed and handed over to the collection.

For Hitler's Birthday

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—A drive to collect scrap metal for Hitler's birthday is being pursued with fanatical energy in Germany. Every day the newspapers suggest new sources of supply and the people are being asked to give up ancient coins and medals.

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A start in removing public monuments for the benefit of the metal collection has already been made, it is reported, in Prague and other places in the Protectorate.

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Patriotically Slim

A CARTOONIST in a Canadian
paper shows a lady of ample or
super-pulsive proportions before
the mirror, anxiously asking her
maid, "Do you think I'll ever
come in style again?" Tactfully
the maid does not answer; for,
indeed, now that war has come,
with its rationing the outside
figure seems doomed to fall still
more out of favour.

It will not be a penal offence
to be stout, for many of the stout
ones have placed it on record
that their Goering-like propor-
tions are a perpetual mystery to
them in that they eat less than
people only half their size.
Experts may say there is a
glangular explanation. In any
case, it has been recognised for
a long time that the reasonably
lean man or woman generally has
the best of it, at a longevity
table or any other.

The leading British medical
weekly comments that though
Britons shall have to eat less of
the rationed foods, that will be
no dietetic tragedy. Meat has
not yet come within the restric-
tions, but those who keep a sharp
eye on national health think that
the sooner it does so the better.
Particularly for those who are
into or beyond middle age, and
who lead sedentary lives, a little
meat should be made to go a
long way.

It is noteworthy that those
animal sidelines which, almost
contemptuously, are described as
offals, receive much more praise
from the dieticians than meat
itself. Offals, moreover, are not
to be rationed. As for sugar,
most English people can keep
their consumption of it down
without the slightest detriment
to health. Those who need more
will be able to get it in the con-
fectionery shops as usual.

The comparatively small allow-
ance of butter is widely re-
gretted. According to report,
Germans are at the present
moment getting slightly more
butter than the Briton. But
then Germans get no milk,
except on a doctor's certificate.
The abundance of the British
milk supply is ample compensa-
tion for the restriction of butter.



STALIN:—"Never mind, my sons. You have died to bring the blessings of Peace to the obstinate Finns."

(The Russian casualty lists were issued by M. Molotoff last week.)

One man in ten has gone to war from this island

"Sure by Tummet and Loch Rannoch
and Lochaber I will go,
By heather tracks w' heaven in their
wiles;
If it's thinkin' in your inner heart,
braggart's in my step,
You've never smelt the tangle o' the
Isles."

STORNOWAY, Isle of
Lewis... The steamer
that carried me up
through the turbulent
waters of the Minch into
this northerly port of the
Scottish Hebrides was
crowded with big-boned
Gaelic-speaking men from
the Royal Navy.

They were all homing to Lewis on
leave.
As the steamer slipped past the
promontory called The Beasts of
Holm and the stark contours of
Lewis loomed through the moonlight
the sailors began to crowd the fore-
deck.
This blunt arrowhead of the
Hebrides is like a big training
school for the Royal Navy.

No other part of the Empire has
sent such a large proportion of its
young men into fighting ships; cer-
tainly no other part of the Empire
has produced a finer type of naval
rating.
And no other part of the
Empire, it has to be added,
has suffered so severely from mines
and torpedoes.
Already many of the homes of its
remote fishing villages have received
telegrams from the Admiralty which
bring down the blinds of sorrow.
Every time one of our fighting
ships meets with disaster the
messengers are dashed to Lewis.

When the Knapikindi was sunk
she carried twelve Lewis men. Eight
of them were lost and the other four
are now prisoners of war in Germany.
When the Exmouth went down six
Lewis men and one man from
Harris lost their lives.
One of the Lewis men was John
Morrison of Malbost. His sister had
married Malcolm Graham, who was
lost in the James Laidford. Young
Mrs. Graham lost husband and
brother within a month.

So it goes—a lengthening list of
Lewis losses as the struggle on the
sea goes on.
When the Lochavon was torpedoed
she carried a deck crew of sixteen.
Ten of them were men of Lewis and
three of the remaining six were
Gaelic-speaking lads from Ulst.
Barr and Lochacaron.
The Courageous and the Royal
Oak and the gallant little ships that
were mauled by the cornered Graf
Spee have all added to the proud
grief of Lewis.

Every time a British
fighting ship meets with
disaster there are mourn-
ers in Lewis....

And there are only
770 square miles of Lewis,
which lies in the Outer
Hebrides.

No other part of the
Empire has had a larger
proportion of casualties in
the fighting at sea than
this "Island of Sorrows."

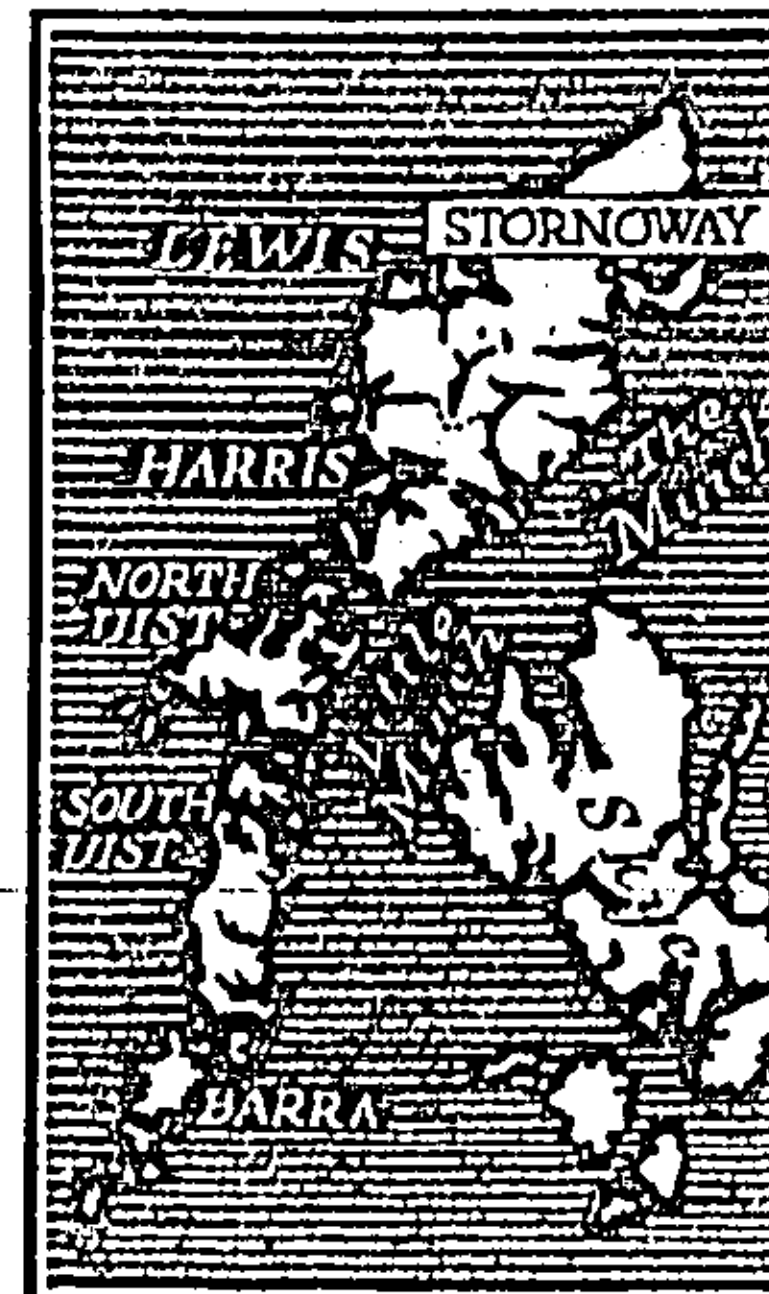
By
JOHN HERRIES
McCULLOCH

struck Lewis such a staggering
blow that the whole world was
moved by it.

On the last night of 1918, the naval
vessel Iolair was carrying more
than 200 Lewis naval ratings back
to their villages and their nets.
Their relatives and friends waited
for them on the pier at Stornoway.
It was good to have the boys home
at last and the terrible war over.
Ceud Mille Failte! "A hundred
thousand welcomes!"
Somebody on the bridge of the
crowded Iolair made an error of
judgment. The ship struck the
rocky shoulder of The Beasts of
Holm and slipped back into the deep
sea.
Two hundred men were drowned.
Some of the victims of the mid-
night tragedy were cast up almost
at their own doors. It was as if the
sea had struck at these brave islanders
in their hour of jubilation to
humble them for ever.

LEWIS men have been used
from earliest childhood to
handling boats in dangerous waters.
It was this hereditary background
which enabled young Malcolm
Morrison, hero of the Arlington
Court, to bring his boatload of
exhausted shipmates back to Lewis
after steering by the wind through
six wintry days and nights.
Malcolm Morrison deserved the
congratulations the Admiralty gave
him, for his exploit epitomized the
toughness and courage of the breed
to which he belongs.

I said that some of the men who
left Lewis to join the Navy at the
outbreak of this war have been sent
home.
To man coastal defence guns?
No—to man the fleet of small motor-
boats which cruise the narrow and
tortuous roads of the island.
There are scores of these sail-
driven vehicles plying the rocky
back-roads of Lewis. They are of
vital importance to the life of the
island. They link its scattered fish-
ing hamlets with Stornoway, carrying
passengers, goods and news. They
are as vital to Lewis as the Dover
Patrol is to England.



"Lewis... This blunt arrow-
head of the Hebrides is like a big
training school for the Navy."

Six weeks ago John Macdonald,
driver of the Sheshader bus, was
working in a naval dockyard far
from Lewis. Had been there since
the outbreak of war. Suddenly,
and mysteriously he was ordered back
to Lewis, puzzled about it all the way to
Stornoway.
"Lewis... This blunt arrowhead of
the Hebrides is like a big training
school for the Navy."
The explanation was simple. The
people of Sheshader had signed a
petition to bring him back to his bus.
It had been standing idle all the time
he was away. The community were
completely isolated. Their key man
was with the Navy. Nobody else
could drive his bus.
The long scrolls of these Lewis
petitions follow the Navy to far ports.
Macdonald Macdonald, who pilots the
Arnol bus, was called up and sent
to Capetown, South Africa, when
war broke out. It was no use. A
petition found him. Back to Lewis
he came.

I saw him leaving Stornoway
yesterday with a load of crofters.
He had shed his uniform, but he is
a man of importance again, and
Arnol is no longer cut off from the
outside.

STORNOWAY depends to a
great extent for local
gossip and war news on these bus
drivers.

When the Admiralty send a tele-
gram to Portinaguran or any other
fishing village on the coast of Lewis,
the news it brings is carried back
to Stornoway by the bus driver.

Six thousand men of Lewis served
in the Great War. But only about
4,500 are serving in this one.
And this is why.
At the end of the Great War 3,000
young Lewis men emigrated because
there were no prospects for them at
home.

They were allowed to go to far
places and the country lost the
vigour of their blood and the steady
warmth of their patriotism.

It must never happen again.
Never again must we
break faith with this Island of Sor-
rows.

A Look Through The "Telegraph"

50 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1900.
The following reliable information re-
garding the waist measurements of some
of the leading London actresses will
interest our numerous lady readers:
Ellen Terry, 26 inches; Mary Anderson,
26 inches; Mrs. Bernard Doole, 27 inches
(no stays); Dorothy Dene 25 inches; Miss
Rorke, 23 inches; Kate Vaughan, 21½
inches (the smallest).

London contains at the present time
close upon one hundred thousand pau-
pers, exclusive of vagrants and lunatics.

The visit of the Royal party to Canton
was not marked by anything special.
The usual lions were visited and recep-
tions held. They returned yesterday morn-
ing but did not land, embarking directly on
the launch Victoria and steaming over
to the Ancona, which had dressed ship
for the occasion. There they said good-
bye to H. E. the Administrator and the
few others who were in attendance and at
12.15 the Ancona left her buoy for the
north. No salutes were fired it being
Good Friday but the yards of the war-
ships were manned and the ensign dipped.

25 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1915.
His Majesty the King has directed that,
from to-morrow, no wines, spirits or beer
shall be consumed in any of His Majesty's
houses.

Yesterday, a Taube was brought down
near Solson, making the third on in
24 hours. The Allies' aircraft dropped 13
shells on Vignoulles Station.

Reuter's Havana correspondent states
that a white pugilist, named Jesse Wil-
lard, best Jack Johnson for the heavy-
weight championship of the world in the
26th round.

Our sport-loving readers will hear with
profound regret of the death of Mr. A. E.
Stoddart, the Middlesex cricketer, to
whom the term "old" was never applied.
Next to "Dr. W. G." he was probably the most popular
of British cricketers and he could lay claim
to having made the biggest score on
record. This was on August 4, 1885, when,
playing for Hampshire against the Sticks,
he made 405 runs.

10 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1930.
Presiding at the annual meeting of the
Hongkong and Shanghai Hotels Ltd. this
morning, Mr. J. Scott Harrison stated that
there was under consideration an aug-
mented bus service to Regatta Bay beach
during the coming summer and the estab-
lishment of a pavilion offering dressing
rooms and refreshment facilities at rates
within the scope of those of moderate
means.

The flower sellers who were recently
moved to On Lan Street from the foot
of Wyndham Street, where they had
plied their business for 50 years, are again
to shift their pitch.

Business at On Lan Street has been
very bad, and we learn that a new site
has been decided on, as a further expan-
sion of the business at the junction of
D'Aguilar and Wellington Street.

5 YEARS AGO

April 4, 1935.
Mr. Edgar Rice Burroughs, author of
the famous Tarzan stories, married Mrs.
Florence Dearholt, who was the wife of
Mr. Ashton Dearholt, wealthy industrialist.
Mrs. Dearholt divorced her husband
recently. Mr. Burroughs was divorced from
his wife some time ago on grounds of
extreme cruelty.

INDIA'S PART IN WAR

Lord Zetland Tolls Of Fine Patriotism

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—Opening his speech with a brief sketch of the varied resources of India and explaining the systems of government, Lord Zetland, the Secretary of State for India, broadcast this evening on the part India is playing in the Empire war effort.

Remarking that Indian forces have been sent to Malaya and Egypt as well as providing troops for Aden, Lord Zetland said that it had been impossible so far to satisfy the aspiration of the great number of those wishing to put their personal services at the King-Emperor's disposal.

The Indian Princes, he continued, had been specially forward in making material contributions and he mentioned the Nizam of Hyderabad's gift of £10,000, out of which a member squadron bearing his name had been provided as typical of these rulers' attitude.

Fine Air Force

After speaking of the Indian Navy, which he felt sure would enhance the present high prestige, Lord Zetland said that the Indian Air Force had reached a high standard of efficiency and it was apparent that air was an element particularly congenial to young Indians.

Turning to the economic side, the Secretary for India said that new industries were being started and the utmost use would be made of such substances as asbestos, bauxite, and chrome, and he added: "The resources of the Indian sub-continent seem indeed to be well-nigh inexhaustible, and they are being most industriously developed."

Political Relations

Devoting the remainder of his speech to political relations between Britain and India, Lord Zetland said: "The goal we have set before ourselves is to aid the people of India to acquire a measure of political unity which will enable her to take her place as a great self-governing dominion in the British Commonwealth of Nations."

He also reviewed the objects of the Government of India Act of 1939, whereby provincial governments were transferred to Indian Ministers responsible to Indian Parliaments and provided for bringing both the provinces of British India and the states of the ruling Princes into a great Indian Federation.

Difficulties had arisen, Lord Zetland said, and explained that the operation of these main political forces—Indian National Congress, the Princes and the All-India Muslim League—was essential to the establishment of the Federation.

All three, however, had raised objections with the result that the Congress Party was now demanding a completely independent country while the Muslims refused to contemplate such a solution and demand a separate Muslim state.

Reconciliation Needed

"I am convinced," Lord Zetland added, "that no lasting settlement in India will prove possible without real reconciliation between the Muslims and the Hindus. Whatever difficulties are standing in the way, we shall continue to labour wholeheartedly to the best of our ability for such a reconciliation."

These political differences, he continued, were naturally seized on by German propagandists, but he felt that it showed a complete lack of all sense of humour for the Nazis to pose before the world as the champions of freedom when India was concerned. "I feel tempted," Lord Zetland said, "for the benefit of Nazi propagandists to recall the opinion of the men expressed not long ago in the official organ of the India National Congress."

Don't Want Nazi Sympathy

This is what the writer says: "The Indian political situation has suddenly assumed an extraordinary importance for the German radio propagandists, who are pouring out chivalrous talks all over the world of this distressed, unfortunate country. India does not disdain the world's sympathy in her righteous struggle for freedom—but let it not come from the Nazis."

"Remember that there are not my words but those of a writer in the official organ of the India National Congress," said Lord Zetland.

This same writer goes on to say: "We cannot also forget that according to Hitler and the Nazis, native people occupy a place in the ladder of creation somewhere between the ape and man. Is it these anthropological experts that are to speak for this country before the world?"

Lord Zetland concluded: "The truth is that India stands united in hatred of the Nazi regime and in contributing magnificently towards an Allied victory."

Trade Pacts To Stand Unchanged

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—It is learned from official quarters that since the signature of the respective war trade agreements, no approach has been made by the British Government to either Norway or Sweden on the subject of restriction by them of iron ore supplied to Germany.

Mr. Charles Hambro is now in Stockholm on behalf of the Ministry of Economic Warfare, but he has taken with him no proposals for a new trade agreement with Sweden, nor are any proposals being made to Norway for a trade agreement to replace that signed last month.

ECONOMIC WAR

Position Reviewed By British Minister

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—Mr. Ronald Cross, the Minister for Economic Warfare, disclosed in a speech broadcast to the Empire this afternoon that since the outbreak of war, the cargoes of over 3,000 ships of almost every nationality had been examined at Britain's Contraband Control bases.

The examination of ships at the various Allied Contraband Control bases was, said Mr. Cross, the most important of the three main functions which his Ministry was required to perform.

The second main function was the stopping of Germany's seaborne exports.

Washington Discussions

Referring to the unavoidable inconveniences which Allied measures against Germany's economic system must have on neutral interests, Mr. Cross said: "Since we are naturally anxious to limit such inconveniences to the absolute minimum compatible with our task of making war on the enemy, we are always ready to consult with neutral governments and neutral traders to see whether, without relaxing control, we cannot make things easier for them."

Representatives of British and French Governments, he said, were at present in Washington discussing such problems with United States authorities.

The third chief function of the Ministry of Economic Warfare was dealing with the problem of Germany's trade with countries from which she can still import by land.

Out-Buying Germany

Mr. Cross pointed out that although it obviously was not possible for Britain to buy up the whole exportable surplus of Germany's neighbours, it was important to concentrate on certain important specific commodities and, by purchasing or offering to purchase substantial quantities ourselves, we could succeed at best in depriving Germany of the commodities of which she is in need or at least forcing her to pay more for what she does succeed in obtaining.

Mr. Cross concluded: "We can be certain that the Nazis are feeling our grip. But we are not resting content with what has been achieved so far. We hope to tighten our grip into a strangle-hold and thereby fulfil our task in breaking the Nazi industrial machine and helping to bring the war to an end."

Many Ships Released

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wireless).—The figures of neutral ships released speedily last week from United Kingdom Control bases included four Norwegian, three Belgian, one Portuguese and one Swedish, which were released the same day; one Norwegian, four Dutch, one Belgian, one Italian and one Danish, which were released after one day; two Norwegian, and one Italian, which were released after two days.

Contrast with the time taken in the German Contraband Control is shown by reports in the Estonian Press. The Estonian ship, Maria, was kept by the Germans for four months having been captured on November 9 last year. Another Estonian ship, Valdo, was recently released after being held by the Germans since November 19, and the Koduman was detained for three months.

The Navicert System

Under the navicert system, which now applies to 19 neutral countries, there have been 40,648 applications, the highest figure for one day, being 919 on March 28.

An increasing number of cases have come to the notice of the Enemy Export Control Committee in which attempts have been made to use neutral firms as a cloak for German exports, and appropriate action is being taken by the Committee.

Last week exemption was granted on humanitarian grounds for 913,000 glass tubes of German origin to be transported to Rio de Janeiro manufacturers of medical supplies claimed as indispensable for giving instructions.

Warning By Nazis

LONDON, Apr. 4 (Reuters).—According to Press reports reaching here from Amsterdam, Germany has warned Norway of the serious consequences to follow if Norway stops shipment of Swedish ore through her territory to Germany.

This warning is said to have been given at a moment when the Norwegian Parliament was said to be meeting secretly to discuss the Allied blockade.

Herr von Ribbentrop, the Nazi Foreign Minister, is said to have told the German Minister to Norway to make representations at a time when would coincide with the secret meeting.

THREE-POWER MILITARY TALKS

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, stated that conversations had recently taken place between English, French and Turkish military representatives regarding the military application of the treaty of mutual assistance.

PROTECTION FOR NAZI SHIPS

AMSTERDAM, Apr. 3 (Reuters).—Neutral correspondents in Berlin state that Germany undoubtedly proposes to protect her ships in Norwegian waters.

Hitler has conferred with Goering and others to discuss the necessary steps to be taken for the protection of the ships.

Ex-Consul's Jewelry Figures in Court Case

Jewellery at one time owned by the former Austrian Consul-General in Manila, who lost his job as a result of the Anschluss and whose financial position, it was stated, made it undesirable for him to stay in the Colony, figured in a claim and counter-claim before the Chief Justice, Sir Atholl MacGregor, in the Supreme Court this morning.

Denis Victor, proprietor of the Lido Dancing Academy, brought an action against Karel Weiss, of Rohny, for the return of a diamond ring valued at \$1,350. According to the statement of claim, the ring was obtained by Weiss for sale on commission on October 23, 1938.

Weiss brought a counter-claim for \$2,850, claiming that the money was due to him in connection with certain jewellery belonging to a Mr. Corvissiano.

The Hon. Mr. Leo D'Almada, Jr., instructed by Mr. F. X. D'Almada, Jr., appeared for Victor, and Weiss was represented by Mr. H. C. Macnamara, instructed by Mr. D. MacCallum. Mr. Macnamara said both parties had agreed on the claim itself, and the only issue was the counter-claim for \$2,850 brought by his client in connection with certain jewellery owned at one time by a Mr. Corvissiano, who was not now available because his financial position made it undesirable for him to stay in the Colony.

Short Of Money

Sometime in October, 1938, went on Mr. Macnamara, Corvissiano was short of money and borrowed in all \$2,850 from Weiss. Corvissiano had in his possession 16 pieces of jewellery which he subsequently pledged with two pawnshops.

Speaking in Hungarian, Weiss told the Court that during 1938 he became acquainted with Corvissiano, and advanced him various sums of money at different times. He advanced \$2,850 in all, and Corvissiano gave him two promissory notes in respect of \$2,000 and \$500 respectively.

In liquidation of his debt, Corvissiano offered him some pawn tickets in connection with certain jewellery which he had pawned and which, he said, were worth 20,000 pesos.

Wanted \$8,000 Ring

During this time, Weiss continued, he met Victor, who complained to him that Sennet Freres had refused to sell him a diamond ring for \$8,000 on the instalment plan. Victor also said he had money to buy the ring but did not like to pay the whole amount at one time.

He then told Victor that he had an acquaintance who owed him money and who had some pawn tickets in respect of jewellery which he had pawned, including two diamond rings. Victor became interested and was subsequently introduced to Corvissiano, who, though he did not want it to be known that he intended to buy the jewellery.

Continuing, Weiss said he and Victor later went to the pawnshops and redeemed some of the jewellery to the extent of \$6,148. The money was paid out to Victor, and the jewellery was subsequently valued by Ullmann's at \$7,500.

The agreement between him and Victor, said Weiss, was that he was to be paid the \$2,850 out of the proceeds from the sale of the jewellery and any surplus over that and the redemption money was to be shared. His intention was to let Corvissiano have his share of the profits, as all he was concerned with was to get back the money which he had lent to Corvissiano.

Cross-examined, Weiss said he asked Victor to redeem the articles because he could not spare the money. It was not true that Victor was to have first claim on the proceeds from the sale of jewellery in connection with the money he had laid out for their redemption. He did not remember whether he or Victor was to be paid first, but the agreement was that for every sale he was to get one-third of the proceeds and Victor two-thirds. In the first half of 1939, he suggested to Victor that the jewellery should be re-pawned and that if the proceeds did not come to \$6,148 he (Weiss) was to make good the deficit.

His Lordship observed that according to the pleadings and the original agreement, Victor was to have first claim up to \$6,148.

Pawnbroker's Valuation

Further cross-examined, Weiss agreed that the jewellery had been valued by a pawnbroker at only \$4,000.

In November, 1938, Sergeant Nolan visited his office at his and Victor's request in connection with certain jewellery. As a result Sergeant Nolan was handed the jewellery and was told that they had once belonged to the Austrian Consul-General in Manila, who had lost his job on account of the Anschluss and who had pawned them because he was short of money.

Called by Mr. D'Almada, Sergeant Nolan said he went to Weiss's office sometime in November, 1938 in response to a telephone call from Victor. On arriving he saw Victor, Weiss and his girl secretary, and was told that someone had refused to give up certain jewellery. Subsequently, the jewellery was handed to him by the secretary, and Weiss told him that they were once the property of the Austrian Consul-General in Manila.

Mr. F. X. D'Almada produced a record of the interviews he had with Weiss and said that at none of them was the name Corvissiano mentioned. Weiss also did not mention that a certain sum was due to him; all he insisted was that the jewellery should not be sold without his consent. The case is proceeding.

BERLIN, Apr. 4 (Reuters).—German circles scoff at reports circulating in the United States that Germany had asked Rumania to demobilise 600,000 soldiers.

POLITENESS PAYS, SAYS MAGISTRATE Lack Of It Cost Woman \$20

THE giving of a wrong address by Mrs. E. Khristina to Sgt. H. B. Dewar when the latter intimidated he was taking a summons out against her for allowing her dog to be in the Children's Playground, Chatham Road, on March 3, was said to have led to many arguments between them.

This was revealed before Mr. Hmsworth at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when the summons was heard.

Mrs. Khristina was summoned for keeping a Japanese poodle dog without a licence; allowing her dog to be in the Playground without a muzzle or lead; and giving false information to Sgt. Dewar.

Sgt. Dewar said when he saw her dog in the Playground he told her that he was taking out a summons against her, and asked for her name and address. She gave her name as Mrs. Ivanoff, residing in No. 28 Carnarvon Road.

Denied former meeting Sgt. Dewar found out that the address given him was never occupied by a Mrs. Ivanoff. After extensive enquiries, he met her again in Chatham Road, and spoke to her, but she denied having seen him before. Finally she stated that she had only moved out of the flat in Carnarvon Road a few days ago, and after some argument, she said her correct address was Hart Avenue.

He requested her to accompany him to her residence to verify the address. Arriving in Hart Avenue, she pointed at No. 14 as her residence, and said her husband was on the top floor.

She refused to go up to the flat, and Sgt. Dewar told her she would have to go to the station. She refused to telephone for a taxi. An Indian constable passed by, and he was asked by the Sergeant to telephone to her.

On hearing this, she said that she lived in No. 16 and brought him up to the entrance of the flat. She refused to give her name, and they argued for about ten minutes, before she said she was Mrs. Khristina.

On March 30, when the Sergeant went to the flat to serve the summons, he noticed a woman moving the furniture. He learned that they were being taken to No. 28 Lock Road, first floor. Later the same day, the summonses were served at this address.

Very Nervous And Ill

Through a Russian interpreter, Mrs. Khristina said she was very sorry for what happened, and asked to be treated leniently. She also added that she was very nervous and ill.

"Your behaviour has been very foolish," said Mr. Hmsworth when he cautioned her on the first summons, and fined her \$5 on the second count. Her dog had since been licensed and inoculated.

After imposing a fine of \$20 for giving false information, Mr. Hmsworth said that the \$20 could have been saved, if she had displayed a little politeness.

Had Too Much To Drink

European Who Drove A Taxi-Cab

"Even if he is competent to drive a car, there is always a potential danger," remarked Mr. Macfadyen at the Kowloon Magistracy this morning when he fined S. Monaghan for unlawfully driving a public taxi without the permission of the owner at 1 a.m. on March 2 and with driving without a valid licence.

Crown-Sgt. Youe told the Court that Monaghan hired taxi No. 475 in Madie Road, and ordered the taxi to proceed to Cheong Lok Street. On arrival at his destination, for some unknown reasons, Monaghan struck the driver, who ran to the Yau-mai Police Station to report the incident.

While the driver was in the Station, the Blue Taxi Company telephoned that Monaghan had driven the vehicle to the Company's garage himself. Sgt. Youe immediately went to the garage and arrested Monaghan.

Mr. M. A. da Silva appearing for Monaghan, who was not present in Court, said that his client regretted the incident very much; it was one of those unfortunate incidents committed by a man who lost control of himself while under the influence of drink. He asked Mr. Macfadyen to impose a small fine as his client had been unemployed for several months, and had only recently secured a job.

A fine of \$25 was imposed.

HYMN OF HATRED

Nazi Tirade Against Mr. Chamberlain

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH" BERLIN, April 3 (UP).—Germany's Hymn of Hate blared at full strength to-day, in newspapers, radio broadcast and Nazi speeches.

It was directed mainly against Mr. Chamberlain.

The Premier's statement in the House of Commons on the extension of the Allied blockade, said a statement issued by the Propaganda Ministry, revealed Britain's intention to treat the rights of neutral Powers as being non-existent.

"It is evident that England intends to use force against the neutrals," the Ministry told foreign Correspondents.

Hunger War

"This is nothing less than a formal declaration of a hunger war against women and children," said an official Nazi source.

"England prefers a hunger war to a military show-down."

"England wants to snatch Norwegian oil, Swedish ore and Rumanian oil from under the very noses of German traders."

"England demands that neutrals export only so much of their vital materials to Germany with a brutality that has no example in history."

"One may be certain that Germany will answer such brutality."

Tree Thieves Rounded Up

Prison Sentences For 17 People

In spite of the numerous arrests made by the Police and the Forestry Department in the past three months, and despite the fact that many persons have been gaoled, tree thieves are still persistently denuding the hills of Hongkong.

Between 3.30 p.m. and 5 p.m., yesterday, guards of the Forestry Department under Chan Pui Head Forester, raided the No. 2B Plantation in Tai Hang and apprehended many people.

Arising out of the arrests, 10 women and nine men were arraigned before Mr. H. G. Sheldon, K.C., at the Central Magistracy for unlawful possession of tree wood, amounting to more than 500 cubic feet.

Woman's Starvation Story The prison sentences imposed on the men ranged from one month to three weeks' hard labour, the former term being imposed on men with previous convictions. The majority of the women received 14 days' hard labour.

Two of them, Pang Shun, 57, and Wong Fun, 49, were discharged with a caution because of their old age and clear record. Pang cried as she stood in the dock and told a story of straightened circumstances and starvation for herself and her children. Her husband had died last year. Pang's two young daughters were in Court, crying.

WANG CHING-WEI DISAPPOINTED

SHANGHAI, Apr. 4 (Reuters).—The Chinese press reports that despite protracted negotiations between the Japanese and the new Wang Ching-wei regime, the Japanese have refused to turn over the management of the Nanjing-Shanghai and Shanghai-Hankow Railways to the Nanjing Government.

The Japanese, however, are reported to have agreed to dismiss two-thirds of the Japanese employees of the railways and also to divide equally between the Japanese Company and the Nanjing regime, the profits of the railways.

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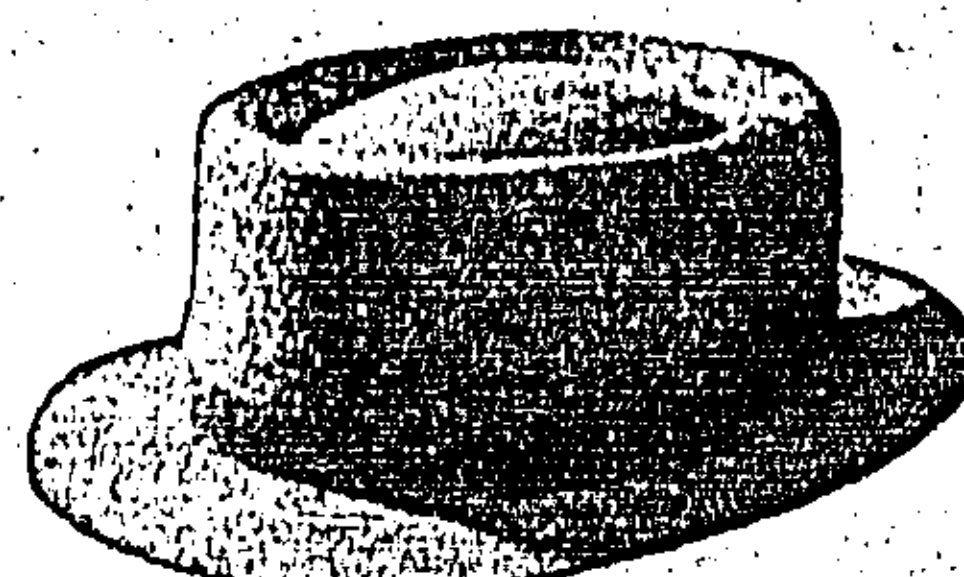
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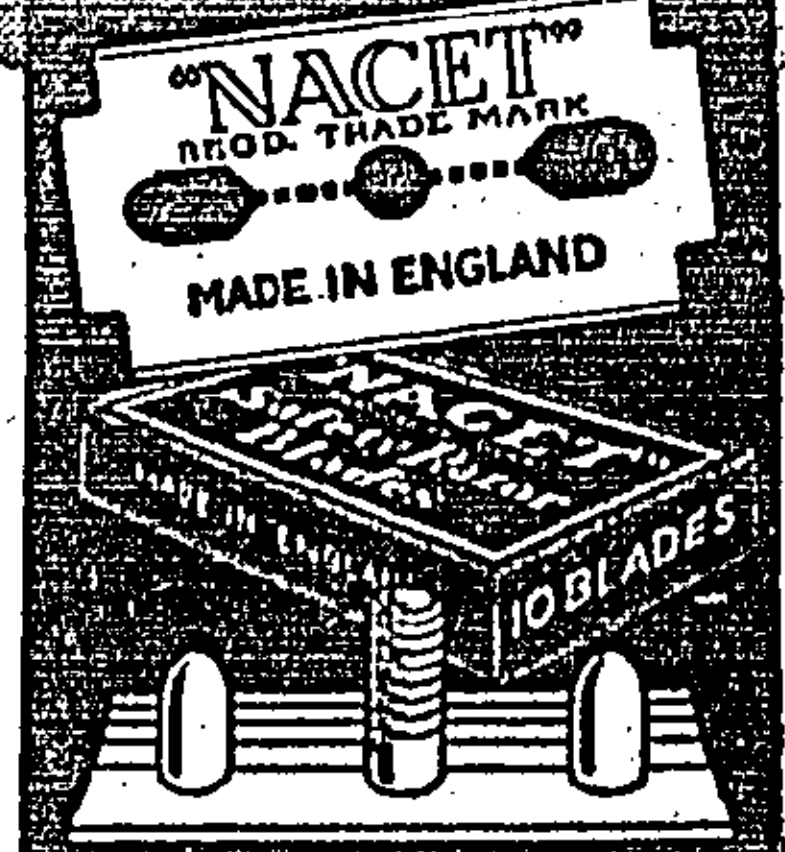
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"Pilgrim's" Hockey Notes

CONCERNING OBSTRUCTION RULE

Goal-Keeper Included In Jurisdiction: Points To Remember

WITH REFERENCE TO a controversy in a local contemporary, I have been approached by several players and umpires to give my opinion on the incident which occurred during the Civilian-Macao encounter on Easter Monday, when Macao defeated the Civilians 3-2.

The incident arose when a Civilian attacker was penalised after he had been obstructed by a Macao defender. The umpire concerned, for reasons of his own, found fault with the former. It is my personal opinion as an umpire that the offence committed by the defender was sheer obstruction, and, therefore, he should have been penalised without question. However, the umpire found fault with the attacker and awarded the hit against his side, which was incorrect.

Under the circumstances, a "bully" would have been the obvious decision, as in the opinion of the umpire both players were guilty of some offence. For the benefit of umpires in general, and our friends in Macao, I will explain the Obstruction Rule.

This is one of the most important rules governing the game of hockey, and the abuse of it by players is one of the cardinal faults, and often the cause of some umpires, generally speaking, in not enforcing it, has been to a certain extent the cause of our not playing the best type of hockey.

The Rule reads: "A player shall not obstruct by running in between an opponent and the ball, nor shall he interfere with an opponent, or his stick, in any way as an obstruction to an opponent, nor shall he touch an opponent's stick unless he touches the ball before he touches the stick or person of his opponent. There shall be no charging, kicking, shoving, or striking at or holding an opponent by any means whatsoever."

THE rule is perfectly clear, and if you think it over you will find it can be summarised by simply stating: "Obstruction means depriving your opponent, by unfair use of your person, of an equal chance of hitting the ball. That is the essence and spirit of the whole rule. It can be put another way, however: "A player must not gain an advantage by the unfair use of his body, foot, hand or stick."

If players would only read the rule as I have broken it up, or seriously reflect on the summary of it, their hockey would improve and they would not be liable to commit this great fault "obstruction."

It has been said that obstruction is not to be completely eliminated from our game because of the "human" element, but much can be done to obviate it. Players often accuse an umpire because he is strict,

SPORT ADVTs.

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB

THE THIRD EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held weather permitting at HAPPY VALLEY on SATURDAY, 6th April, 1940, commencing at 2.00 p.m. The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE
No one without a badge will be permitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each Meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all Chits, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, (Tel. 27704) will close at 12 o'clock NOON.

Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Tel. 21920).

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE
The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00 including Tax for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order, C. H. BROWN, Secretary.

Hongkong, 1st April, 1940.

COUNT THE "TELEGRAPHS" EVERYWHERE

Entries For Six-a-side Tournament

Club Secretaries are reminded that entries for the Six-a-side Tournament are now open. Entries may be sent to D. Smith, Hon. Secretary of the Hongkong Hockey Association, c/o the Harbour Office.

They are also reminded that Clubs may enter more than one team if desired.

Referees' Association Whist Drive

THE HONGKONG Football Referees' Association will hold their second monthly whist drive tomorrow in the Hotel Cecil at 8.30 p.m. Excellent prizes are promised. Tickets are \$1 each and may be obtained from any Referee, the Hotel Cecil or at the door.

It is hoped to make these drives a monthly affair, and the third will be held on May 3.

and blame him for spoiling the play, but isn't it the other way around? Aren't the players to blame? By their ignorance, or wilfulness, they create breaches or commit fouls, which the dutiful umpire must penalise. These umpires who have had a "good deal of experience" will tell you that "rough games develop from obstruction."

Obstruction is often caused by—
1. Over-eagerness to get the ball.
2. Going for it unnecessarily hard.
3. Doing anything to get the ball.
4. Doing anything to prevent an opponent getting the ball.

A goalkeeper is just as guilty of obstruction as any other player, and he must be penalised as any of the rest of the players. He often gets away with the following:

1. Charging roughly into an attacking forward.
2. Running out between an attacker and the ball, and so preventing the attacker from reaching the ball before it crosses the goal-line.
3. Running out to meet an attacker and then opening his legs and letting the ball go through.
4. Pretending to kick the ball, but standing in the road of the attacker so that the only way he can get to the ball is "run through" him.

THE player who tackles from the left side must be careful of the following points:

1. He must not run in between the opponent and the ball.
2. He must not touch the ball before he makes contact or touches the other player in any way at all. (Note.—This form of tackling can only be done satisfactorily by using his left hand; using the right hand nearly always causes obstruction.)
3. He must not barge into his dispossessed opponent.

In the case of a bully, and sending the ball backwards with a reversed stick, this is undoubtedly a foul and should be penalised accordingly. A pass back from a bully frequently means obstruction, and an umpire who is vigilant would not allow it to pass muster. It is not my contention that ALL reverse stick play is obstruction, but I would suggest that when a player reverses his stick and covers the ball up he often prevents an opponent's stick from making instant contact, and that is deliberate obstruction.

Furthermore, I have noticed that such obstructive play is rarely or ever courageously penalised by an umpire.

Lastly, I would like to remind readers that obstructive play does not necessarily depend on the distance of the players from the ball, and "turning on the ball" does not constitute a breach unless an opponent has thereby been obstructed in an attempt to play the ball.

M'SEX DEFEAT EASTERN

Pte. Corrigan Wins Kowloon Marathon

Middlesex Competitors Unable To Run

Pte. Corrigan, of the Royal Scots, had a comfortable victory in the annual Kowloon marathon arranged by St. Andrew's Club yesterday. There were originally 33 entries but, owing to duties 15 Middlesex competitors withdrew.

Fourteen starters lined up and 10 completed the course of about six and a quarter miles. They finished in the following order:

Pte. Corrigan (Royal Scots) 36 min. 4 sec.
Sgt. Lewis (Signals) 37 min. 8 sec.
Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots) 38 min.
L. Cpl. Wilson (Royal Scots) 39 min.
L. Cpl. Truscott (Signals) 40 min.
Pte. White (Royal Scots) 41 min.
N. Reynolds (Royal Scots) 42 min.
L. A. C. Brown (R.A.F.) 43 min.
L. A. C. Noulton (R.A.F.) 44 min.
Pte. Edge (Royal Scots) 45 min.

The race began at St. Andrew's Church at 5 p.m., and Sutherland, Truscott and Corrigan took the lead. The course was via Nathan Road, Waterloo Road, Prince Edward Road, Tam Kung Road, Bulkeley Street and Chatham Road back into Nathan Road.

The runners were close together until in Tam Kung Road when Corrigan drew away and Truscott



Cpl. Sutherland (Royal Scots) finishing third in the Kowloon Marathon which was run yesterday.—Photofocus.

dropped back to be passed by Lewis, who had been running a steady fifth.

SLOWER TIME

During the last part of the race Sutherland lost ground and gave second position to Lewis. Corrigan who was running strongly, reached the winning post far ahead of the second and third men. The winner's time of 36 min. 4 sec. was slower than last year.

Mrs. A. C. Jeffreys presented the prizes.

Rev. J. R. Higgs pointed out that although the race was run in Kowloon it was a Colony marathon, and had been organised by St. Andrew's Club for the past 10 years. He thanked Sir Vandeleur Grayburn, Mr. Ezra Abraham and Mr. E. C. Ho for the prizes, not only for this year's competition but for many years past.

Under the supervision of Chief Inspector W. R. Chester-Woods and Sub-Inspector J. Johnston, traffic police assisted in the race, with the help of Boy Scouts of the 1st Kowloon (St. Andrew's) Troop.

The following were officials:—Mr. V. R. J. Merrett (Starter); Dr. S. G. Kirkby-Gomes, Dr. K. H. Utley, Rev. J. R. Higgs, Messrs. A. C. Jeffreys, H. Kew and R. H. Wong (Judges).

Association Tournament Table

OWING TO A WET week-end, no games were played in the Hongkong Hockey Association Tournament. The tournament table to date is:

	P	V	L	D	F	A	Pts.
C.B.A.	7	0	0	1	32	5	13
Rovers & P.S.C.	7	0	1	0	23	11	12
Royal Engineers	4	4	1	3	18	11	11
Police	7	4	2	1	11	7	0
Nomads	8	3	4	1	15	10	7
Recreio	8	2	4	2	5	12	6
Royal Signals	7	1	5	1	5	20	3
K.I.T.C.	5	1	3	1	3	14	3
University	6	1	5	0	1	5	2
R.A.O.C.	3	1	3	0	1	6	2

Strain Of Congested Programme Has Effect On Chinese Players

(By "Rox")

A powerful Middlesex side beat a footsore Eastern eleven three goals to one in their First Division League match at the Club ground yesterday.

Some there were who thought Eastern guilty of grossly under-rating their opponents, but three matches in four days is putting rather a strain on the players and they were unable to challenge the Mids.

Middlesex played superb football. Eastern's attack, with the possible exception of Cheung Kam-hoi and Hau Ching-to, were as putty in the hands of Cooper and Sheehan. Jackson, when called upon, saved well, but was never really tested.

BRIGHT PICK OF HALVES

BRIGHT was the pick of the halves. He had Darkey Lee, and later Tsui Ah-fai well tabbed. He greatly aided the forwards who showed excellent understanding, but who were guilty of erratic shooting. Wilkinson and Parker spoiled to great effect and also lent valuable support to the forwards.

Riches, seen in the centre-forward berth, played a knowing game, and with more practice with Pearson and Saw, should develop an exceedingly dangerous inside left. Saw was easily the pick of the forwards. He was as tricky as ever and schemed to good purpose. Marable made a welcome appearance, and secured two of the Mids' goals. With Coomer, they formed the nucleus of an attack to be compared with that they had when shortly after their arrival here.

Despite the faulty display of his back pair, Lau Hin-hon played an exceedingly good game, besides saving twice from a penalty by Sheehan. Tsang made several bad moves, two of which resulted in goals against his side. In the second half he changed with Darkey Lee to score the lone goal of Eastern. Cheung was the steadiest of the two, and the valuable support accorded him by Lau enabled him to check, in a measure, Mids' disastrous raids. Hsu made great efforts but the flesh was weaker. Lo won the best half, clearing and spoiling well.

MIDS' STEADFAST DEFENCE

TSUI Ah-fai also felt the strain. Cheung was exceedingly slow, and the defence, though strong, was unable to do much damage. Hau Ching-to pierced the stonewall defence, but lack of support and the steadfast vigilance of Parker were responsible for his having drawn a blank.

Eastern opened and appeared to take matters easily. Mids' attack showed they meant business, and impressed with some fine movements into Eastern's area. Saw missed a golden opportunity to open the scoring when he dabbled with a pass from Coomer, Cheung cleared his late pass to Marable. They continued the pressure, and Marable forced a corner. Bright sent in a first timer from Lau's clearance which Tsang stopped with his hands. Sheehan took the kick from the spot. Lau twice saved, but was apparently disqualified for moving. Saw next took the kick and made no mistake.

Eastern seemed cast down by this reverse, and made half-hearted attempts at stopping the ball. Hsu broke from his lethargy to speed up his forwards; but quickly fell back again. Tsui and Hau were over-anxious and were constantly being pulled up for offside. Coomer brought the ball well into Eastern territory, centred right across to Marable who met it first-time leaving Lau standing. Soon after this Tsang was hurt, and left the field just before half-time.

EASTERN'S LATE RALLY

THE resumption saw him at right wing. Darkey went back. This seemed to effect a change in Eastern, but they soon spent themselves and Mids took command. Their forwards were given many opportunities to score, but faulty shooting kept the score at its first half level.

Eastern broke away, Hau passed to Tsang who shot past Jackson, but was ruled offside. Eastern fell away for some time for Mids to take up the attack. A nice movement by Saw, and the ball went to Riches. It was returned to Saw who tipped it to Marable for the latter to beat Lau with a fast drive.

Eastern rallied and pressed the Mids area for some time. Lau sent a long pass to Cheung, who tricked the defence to give Tsang a forward pass which Tsang met first time to beat Jackson. From then on Mids kept up pressure, but was unable to add to the score.

The teams were:—
Middlesex: Jackson; Sheehan, Cooper, Parker, Bright, Wilkinson; Coomer, Pearson, Tsang, Cheung, Hau Ching-to, Lau Hin-hon, Tsui Ah-fai, Ng Chi-keung and Hau Ching-to.

NATIONAL PROBABLES AND CALL-OVER

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The following are the probabilities for the Grand National on Friday:

Royal Danelli (Moore), Professor II (Owen), Dunhill Castle (Wilson), Rockquill (Carey), Red Eagle (Elder), Dominick's Cross (Mitchell), Blackhawk (Rimell), Kilstar (Archibald), Away (Muir), MacMoffat (Alder), Milano (Danny Morgan), Venturesome Knight (Tweddie), Litigant (Black), Le Cynne (O'Grady), Symaethis

The Call-Over

The call-over is as follows:
7/2 Kilstar (t and o)
10/1 The Professor (t and o)
12/1 MacMoffat (t and o)
12/1 Royal Danelli (t and o)
100/8 Milano (t and o)
100/7 Symaethis (o)
100/6 Sterling Duke (o)
100/6 Rockquill (t and o)
20/1 Blackhawk (t and o)
25/1 Takvor Pacha (t and o)
25/1 Underbird (t and o)
28/1 Bogsakar (o)
33/1 Inversible (t and o)

(Geakes), Inversible (Hogan), Bogsakar (M. Jones), Boy (H. Morgan), National Night (H. Jones), Takvor Pacha (Priordalmer), Cornlaw (McNeill), Luxborough (Brown), Lazyboots (Ward), Underbird (Nicholson), Bachelor Prince (Loewenstein), Downright (Seeley), Tiekmill Kelly, Gold Arrow (Lay), Second Act (Dowdswell), Red Freedom (Redmond), Sterling Duke (Hyde).
Royal Mail has scratched.

Quartier Maitre Wins The Lincolnshire

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Lincolnshire Handicap, run over a mile at Lincoln to-day, resulted:

Quartier Maitre (Mullins) 1
Uncle Archie (Tucker) 2
Ticargi (Tucker) 3
Betting: 7-2 Quartier Maitre, 100-7 Uncle Archie, 100-8 Ticargi.
Won by two lengths; half a length. Others: Golden Sovereign (Beary), Hot Bun II (Sam Wraggs), Booms-a-daisy (Nevett), Wonsah (Marshall), Timestep (Ruttle), Titan (E. Smith), Nugget (Christie), Florenti (E. Smith), Paul Boy (Evans), Davy Dottle (A. Burns), Squadron Castle (Mitchell), Reynard's Lodge (Maher), Rosetown (D. Smith), Aldine (Richardson), The Straight Four (Dyson), Punt Gun (Dick), Hamac (Sharpe), Corena (Filton).

Colony Tennis

Tsui Brothers Easily Beat Kitchell And Razack

Tsui Wai-pui and Tsui Yun-pui, the present Colony Doubles champions, had little difficulty in this year's tournament when they met I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Kitchell on the Hongkong Cricket Club courts yesterday. The scores were 6-2, 6-3.

Never at any stage were they extended, and only intermittent volleying duels brightened up the match.

Riches saw and Marable, Eastern, Tsang Chung-wan, Lau Hin-hon, Hau Ching-to, Le Wai-ku, Darkey Lee, Cheung Kam-hoi, Tsui Ah-fai, Ng Chi-keung and Hau Ching-to.

COLONY BADMINTON

YONG AND CHEW IN DOUBLES FINAL

Silva And Oliveira Beaten In Three Fine Games

(By "Tinker")

IT WOULD BE EXTREMELY DIFFICULT in Hongkong to find an improvement on the badminton that was displayed in the semi-final match of the Open Doubles at the Kowloon Cricket Club last night, when K. L. Yong and H. F. Chew beat M. A. Silva and M. A. Oliveira by 17-18, 15-12, 15-5.

All four players were in excellent form, but the outstanding player of all was H. F. Chew. He even overshadowed the powerful Oliveira. His court-craft and cunning shots evoked much applause, and in the all-important second set practically ran himself off his feet saving points and returning winners. Oliveira was machine-like in his smashing. Anything high over the net was returned with extraordinary vim, and not a little accuracy.

Yong and Silva were less reliable. Both were apt to commit errors, but they nevertheless contributed their share of skill to one of the finest games yet seen in the tournament. The floor was hardly ideal for speed. It was difficult to keep the balance. It was nothing unusual to see the players slipping clean off their balance following a difficult retrieve. Yong, especially, had trouble in this direction.

OPENING THRILLS

THE RECREIO pair jumped off into a 7-0 lead in the first game before the University pair showed anything like settling down. The lead increased to 11-3 before Yong and Chew staged a thrilling rally that carried them up to 10-11 before service changed hands again. Sustained rallies saw no change in the score until a brilliant single shot started the RECREIO pair off again. They led 12-10, and service changed hands.

Yong and Chew drew up to 12-11 and then went into the lead for the first time at 13-12. Oliveira served, but foot-faulted. Silva served and on a fine smash from Oliveira levelled again at 13-11. The game was set at five.

Another fine smash from Oliveira gave the RECREIO pair the first point. The score went to 2-11, and then the University pair led at 4-2. Amid great excitement Silva and Oliveira drew up to 4-11, and the very thrilling game was lost when Yong called "out" to Chew who allowed the shuttle to drop—just inside the side-line.

FORTUNES REVERSED

OLIVEIRA and Silva set the pace again in the second game and led 4-0 before the University pair found their touch again. From being 0-4 down they went into a 7-4 lead, took it to 10-5, 11-5 and 12-5 before the RECREIO team scored one. At 13-7, Silva and Oliveira featured in a very fine burst in an effort to clinch the match. Five points were gained to their opponents' 1, but at 14-12, Yong and Chew came out top in a brilliant exchange to win the game at 15-12.

The Portuguese pair in the third set lost quite a bit of their former accuracy. There were several occasions on which they seemed unable to sight the shuttle, and made complete misses. Yong and Chew never relaxed, and ran into a 12-1 lead. There was no doubt, at this stage, who would be the ultimate winners. Silva and Oliveira stuck gamely to their great task, and lost a game that must have been as exhausting as it was exciting.

The winners will now meet C. Au and P. H. Wong in the final.

Boxing

ROYAL SCOTS AND MIDDLESEX IN INTER-UNIT FINALS

The finals in the Hongkong Army (Army) Inter-Unit Team Boxing Championships will be held this evening at Nanking Barracks, Shamshuipo, commencing at 8 p.m. when Royal Scots meet Middlesex Regiment.

Middlesex will be represented by several outstanding performers, including Pte. Moran, the Arch heavy-weight champion; L/Cpl. Wilson, the Area Novices' welterweight champion; and Pte. Noble, the Area and Battalion featherweight champion. The following are to-night's teams:

ROYAL SCOTS	MIDDLESEX
Pte. Bailey	Banthamweight
Pte. Corrigan	Featherweight
Cpl. Brown	Pte. Noble
Cpl. Barker	Cpl. Phillips
Cpl. Wilson	Lightweight
Cpl. Cavanagh	L/Cpl. Milroy
Pte. Elliot	L/Cpl. Williams
Pte. McGready	Pte. Gellat
Pte. Colligan	Pte. Gellat
Cpl. Little	L/Cpl. Wilson
Pte. Emerson	Middleweight
L/Cpl. Moore	Cpl. McGready
Cpl. Cooper	Pte. Gellat
Pte. Marshall	L/Cpl. Wilson
Pte. Alexander	Heavyweight
	Pte. Moran

JOCKEY CLUB DONATION TO CHARITY FUND

\$61,250 From Derby Swoop

RECEIPT of the magnificent sum of \$61,250 from the Hongkong Jockey Club has been gratefully acknowledged by the Board of Administrators of the British Fund for Relief of Distressed in China. This sum is a contribution as a result of the Sweep held on the 1940 Hongkong Derby at the Annual Meeting during February. The Board has made the following grant to the Foreign Auxiliary of the National Red Cross Society of China: For Quinine for South China \$10,000.

Home Soccer Results

LONDON, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The following were the results of matches played in the Home regional soccer leagues to-day:

SOUTH "A"		
Southend	0	Arsenal 5
SOUTH "B"		
Bournemouth	1	Queen's P.R. 0
WESTERN		
Everton	7	Stockport 0
Scottish		
WESTERN		
Albion	2	St. Mirren 1
Hamilton	5	Celtic 0
Morton	4	Ayr 1
EASTERN		
Arbroath	5	King's Park 2
Dundee U.	10	Stornoway 2
Dunfermline	0	East Fife 4
Falkirk	7	Hearts 1
Hibernian	6	Dundee 0

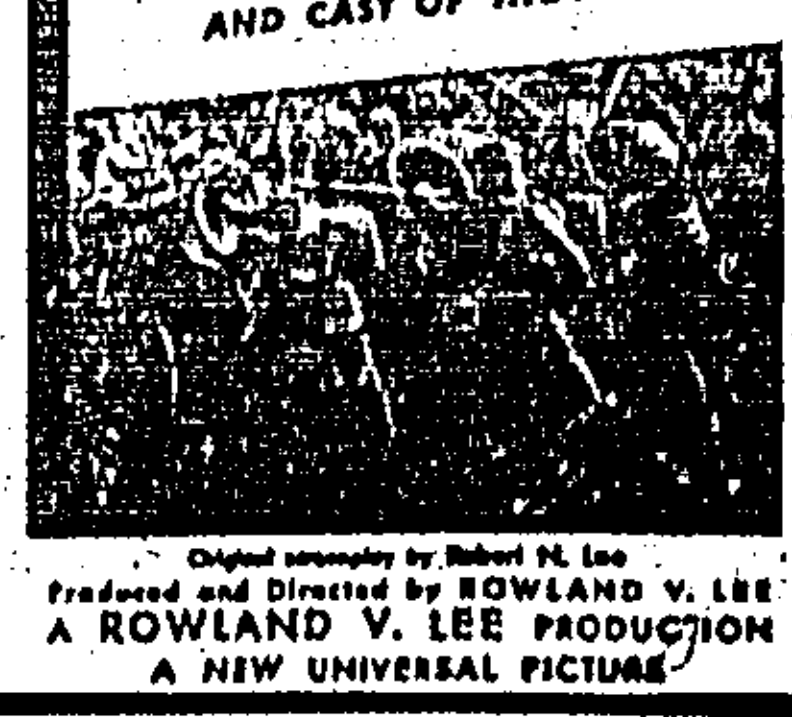
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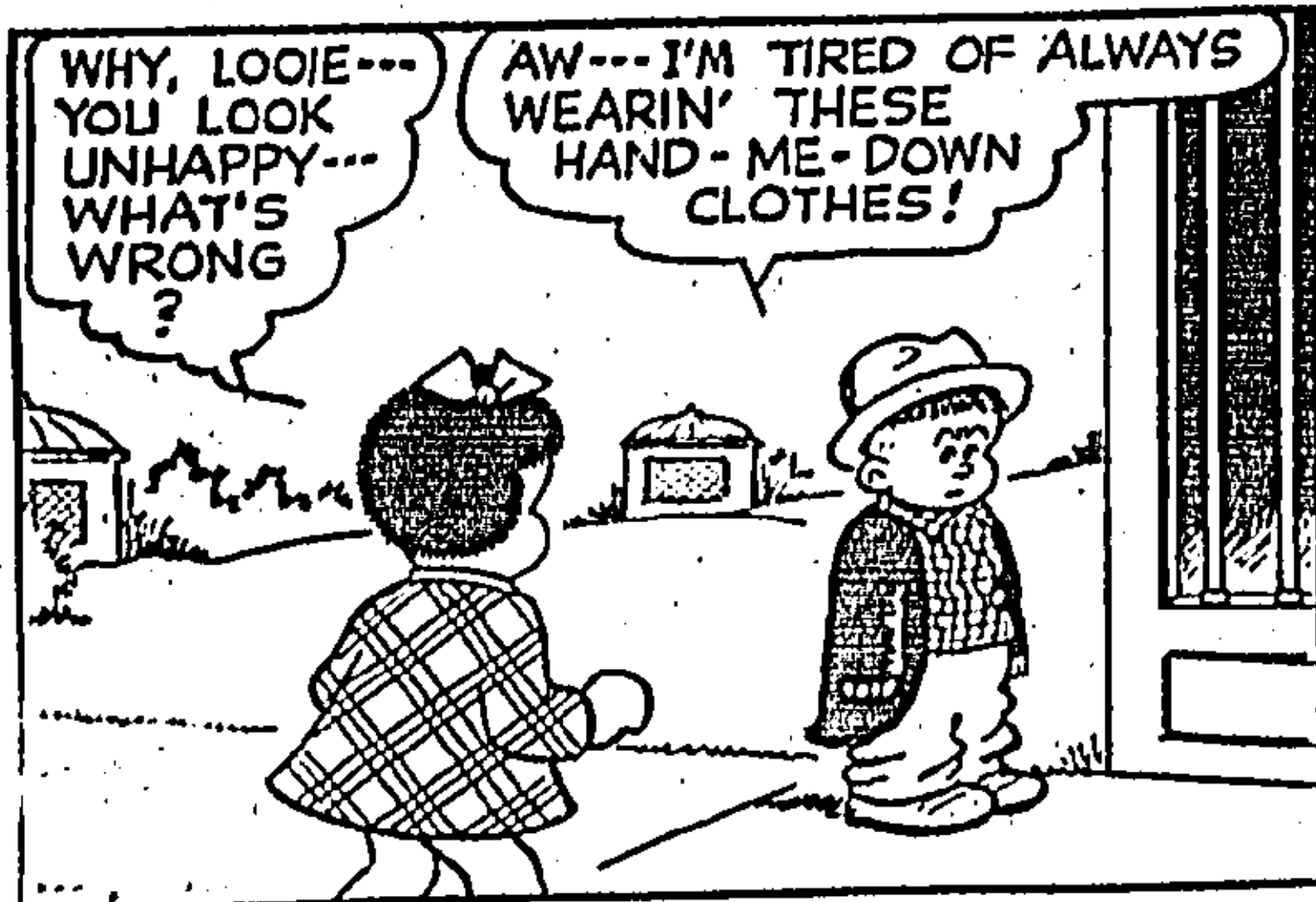


TOWER of LONDON

BASIL RATHBONE with BORIS KARLOFF BARBARA O'NEIL IAN HUNTER VINCENT PRICE NAN GREY AND CAST OF THOUSANDS



NANCY



By Ernie Bushmiller

No Recognition For Wang

British Attitude Is Clearly Stated

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
LONDON, April 3 (UP).—In the House of Commons to-day, Mr. R. A. Butler, Under-Secretary for Foreign Affairs, reaffirmed that Britain will not recognise the Wang Ching-wei regime.
He stressed that British policy will be to continue in accordance with the Nine Power Treaty and "to keep in step with the United States and French governments."
"However, the Government sees no objection to improving relations with Japan," he added.

NAZI PRISONERS OF WAR

LONDON, Apr. 3 (British Wire- less).—A further list of four members of U-boat personnel now prisoners of war in Britain was announced to-day. This list brings up to a total of 362 combatant prisoners of war, of whom a great majority were from the crews of German submarines.

Exchange At A Glance

SELLING	
T.T. London	1/2 1/4
Demand	1/2 3/4
T.T. Shanghai	52 1/2
T.T. Singapore	52 1/2
T.T. India	52 1/2
T.T. U.S.A.	21 1/4
T.T. Manila	43 1/2
T.T. Batavia	40 1/2
T.T. Bangkok	150
T.T. Saigon	108 1/4
T.T. France	10 5/8
T.T. Switzerland	97
T.T. Australia	1/6 3/4
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4 m/s D/P	1/3 3/4
4 m/s L/C U.S.A.	22 3/4
4 m/s France	11 40
30 d/s India	84
U.S. Cross rate in London	4.02 1/2
U.S. Cross rate in N.Y.	3.50 1/2

VALLETTA, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—The Governor and Commander-in-Chief of Malta is suffering from pneumonia but a bulletin issued to-day said that his condition was satisfactory.

H.K. Fire Insurance Company's Meeting

Eminently Satisfactory Year's Working

"The result of the Company's working for the year 1939 which we now present to you is eminently satisfactory," said the Hon. Mr. J. J. Paterson, presiding at the annual meeting of the Hongkong Fire Insurance Company, Limited, held at Jardine Matheson and Co., Ltd. at noon to-day.

Others present were: the Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. T. E. Pearce, Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. J. H. Taggart, (members of the Consulting Committee), Mr. H. W. Dulley, Mr. D. V. Stevenson, Mr. D. Hong, Mr. M. H. Lo, Mr. S. Hampden Ross, Mr. P. Tester and Mr. A. Little.

The chairman said: "The result of the Company's working for the year 1939 which we now present to you is eminently satisfactory, the Account having run off with a credit balance of \$909,429.78, the fifth best we have had. This is the more gratifying in view of the fact that Premium Income fell by just over \$120,000, as compared with that received during the year 1937; this drop in revenue was due to the material curtailment of our Sterling operations and also to the greatly reduced showing of our takings at Shanghai and the Northern Agencies, when converted into Hongkong Dollars at present day rates of exchange."

A comparison of ratios as between 1938 and 1937 reveals the following:—Losses 45.91% as against 41.74%; Charges 40.15% and 37.07% leaving a balance of 13.94% as against the extremely narrow one of 5% for 1937. The rate for Sterling Exchange remaining at 1/2 1/4, no change took place in this respect.

Optimistic Outlook
The balance at credit of 1939 Working Account—after twelve months—stands at \$909,429.78, a decrease of \$108,895.38 on that for 1938 at the same stage. This is due to a still further pruning of our Sterling transactions and the yet lower exchange at which both Premium Income and Interest, emanating from our books, are being received. However, unless anything particularly unforeseen occurs, the outlook at the end of this year may not fall far short of that for 1938.

The surplus to be dealt with is \$669,429.78—the balance of 1938 Account—and we now recommend the payment of \$11 per share absorbing \$440,000, the appropriation of \$100,000 to Reserve Fund and that the balance of \$129,429.78 be transferred to Investment and Exchange Fluctuation Account.

This represents a cut of one dollar per share in the dividend and much as we regret having to advocate it, we feel shareholders will agree that in view of the heavy shrinkage of over \$90,000—or \$2 per share—in income from interest, this course is only wise. Here again this shrinkage is due almost entirely to Shanghai Exchange which fell from 180 at the end of 1938 to 310 as on the 31st December last and now stands at 350.

Shanghai Position
It will be borne in mind that we are essentially an Eastern Company, incorporated in Hongkong, and that, certainly over the first forty years of our existence, the bulk of our income was derived from Shanghai and China generally. This being so, it is only natural that we should have considerable investments in Shanghai in the shape of Debentures and first-class Mortgages. I think I can say without exaggeration that there is no record of our ever having made a loss over them in terms of Shanghai dollars, either in respect of principal or interest. This is still true to-day but, in terms of Hongkong dollars, the Shanghai currency is by no means what it was.

Turning to the Balance Sheet, I have to call your attention to the transfer of further \$900,000 that we have been obliged to make from Reinsurance Fund to Investment & Exchange Fluctuation Account in order to put the latter Reserve in funds to absorb the depreciation on Shanghai investments. The toll of this depreciation over the past two years is, approximately, about one and a half million dollars and our Shanghai holdings to-day, as represented in Hongkong dollars, but one fourth (1/4) of the figure at which they stood two years ago. However, our reserves—as adjusted—are still in a strong position and more than adequate to care for any strain that may be placed on them by the volume of business we transact.

The Future
I think you will agree that the less said about the future the better as it is quite impossible to anticipate events at the present time. Insurance difficulties are in no-wise lessened with ever-increasing competition and vexatious legislation, while taxation in all areas is advancing by leaps and bounds. I dare say all companies are feeling the pinch, but perhaps it is for our good that we are merely unappreciative. Still we carry on and so far have no reason to be dissatisfied with results for the first three months of 1940. More work than ever is being done under the Staff and for this reason the usual bonus of 15% has been granted; I trust you will approve.

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INWARD MAILS	
Calcutta, Straits and Saigon	Apr. 4
Canton	Apr. 4
Shanghai	Apr. 4
Air Mail by "Imperial Airways Direct Service" London date 27th March	Apr. 6
Straits	Apr. 5
Japan	Apr. 5
Shanghai	Apr. 5
Straits and Saigon	Apr. 5
U.S.A. and Manila (San Francisco date, 28th Feb.)	Apr. 6
Australia and Manila	Apr. 6
Europe via Suez and Straits—(London date, 2nd March)	Apr. 6
Japan and Shanghai	Apr. 6
Shanghai	Apr. 6
Straits	Apr. 6

OUTWARD MAILS	
Thursday, April 4	
Shanghai and Japan	4.30 p.m.
Parcel only for Straits	5 p.m.
Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island—due Thursday Island, 17th April	K.F.O.
Reg.	5 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	5 p.m.
Ord.	7.00 p.m.
Amoy	7 p.m.

Friday, April 5	
Sandakan	12.30 p.m.
Port Bayard and Hongkong	1.30 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Bombay, Beira, Lourenco Marques, East and South Africa	2.30 p.m.
Huiphong	3 p.m.
Saturday, April 6	
Parcels only for Shanghai	2.30 p.m.
Parcels only for Shanghai and Tientsin	5.00 p.m.
Shanghai	5.30 p.m.
Japan	5.30 p.m.
Port Bayard	5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for "Imperial Airways Direct Service"—due London, 14th April	K.F.O.
Q. P. O. and K. F. O.	
Reg.	5.00 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
Air Mail for Manila, Guam, Honolulu and U.S.A. by the "Pan American Airways Direct Service"—due San Francisco, 14th April	K.F.O.
Reg.	5 p.m.
Ord.	5.30 p.m.
G.P.O.	
Reg.	5 p.m.
Ord.	7.30 a.m.

Prison For Communists

French Authorities' Drastic Action

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—Twenty-seven former Communist Deputies, whose trial has just concluded, were sentenced to five years' imprisonment and five years' loss of civil and political rights.

They included Florimond Bonte, Secretary of the so-called Workers and Peasants Party, which was formed after the dissolution of the Communist Party.

MORE WARSHIPS FOR FRANCE

PARIS, Apr. 3 (Reuter).—M. Cesar Campinchi, the French Navy Minister, stated before the Chamber Naval Commission that it had been decided to lay down a further number of warships of all types amounting to 200,000 tons.

French Shipping Losses

M. Campinchi said that the average monthly French tonnage sunk by U-boats was only half the tonnage sunk in September.

German air attacks, of which there have been several hundred during the last seven months, have destroyed not more than 25,000 tons of shipping.

The following members of the Commission were re-elected: The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. C. B. Brown, Mr. A. H. Compton, Mr. T. E. Dulley, Mr. J. H. Taggart and Mr. S. T. Williamson.

The Hon. Mr. M. K. Lo, Mr. C. B. Brown and Mr. A. H. Compton were reappointed.

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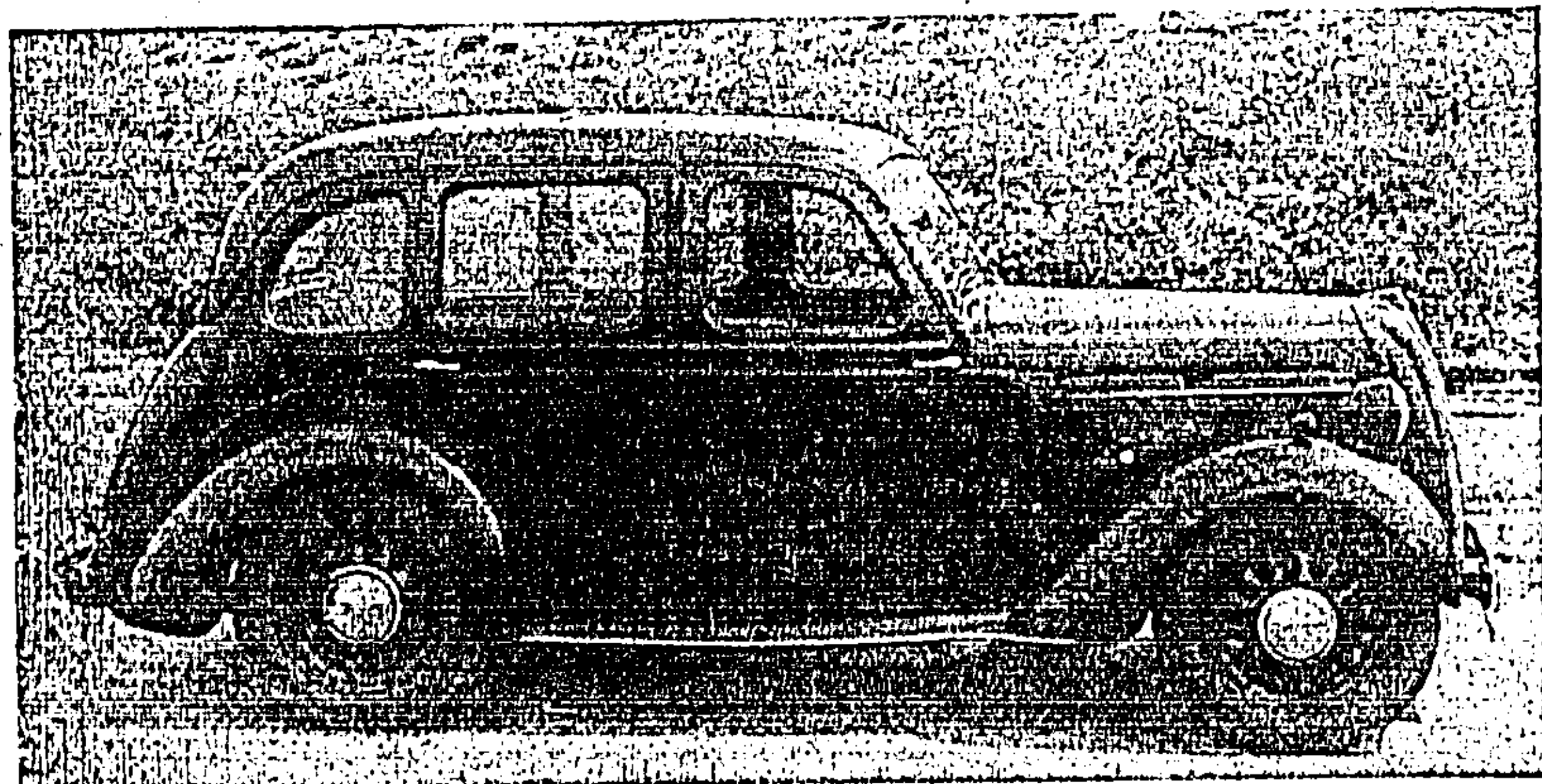
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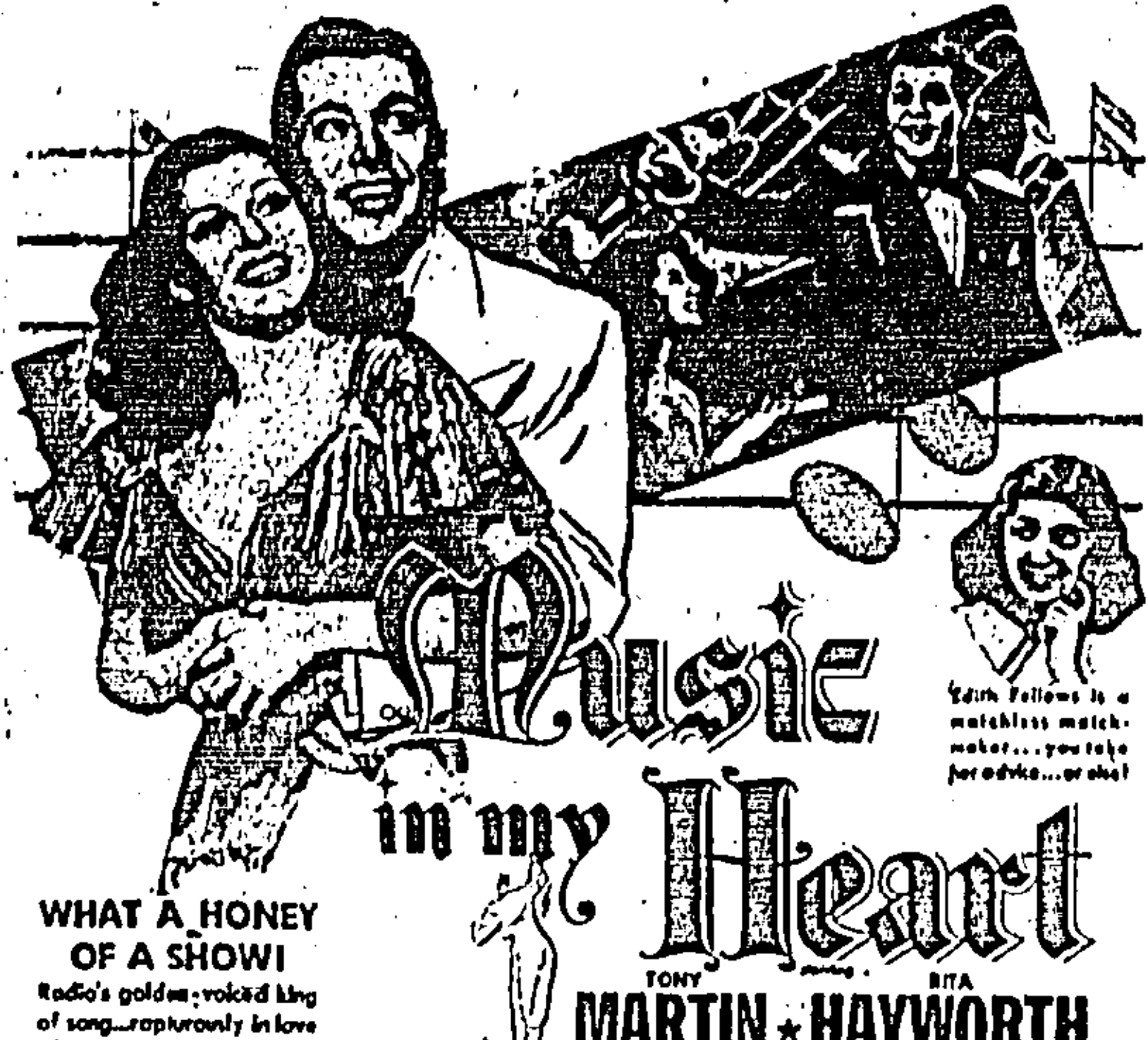
SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
MOSCOW, April 3 (UP).—Attempts will be made by Soviet salvage vessels to raise six Finnish ships which, it is alleged, the Finns deliberately scuttled in the Bay of Kola prior to evacuation.

SPECIAL TO THE "TELEGRAPH"
GENEVA, April 3 (UP).—Lithuania has rejected a Polish protest which was lodged five months ago. Poland protested from France at the session of Vilna by Soviet Russia.

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LATE NEWS

Japanese On Stabbing Charge

A JAPANESE subject appeared at the Central Magistracy this afternoon as a sequel to the stabbing at Gloucester Road on March 3 of Ohita Mitsuko, Japanese woman, Defendant, Ohita Taro, better known as the proprietor of the Nagasaki Joe restaurant in Wanchai, was charged with wounding Mitsuko with intent to murder her.

Mr. W. A. Mackinnon appeared for Taro, and Det. Sub. Inspector W. M. Durkin prosecuted.

Outlining the case for the prosecution, Det. Sub. Inspector Durkin said that defendant had a difference of opinion with his wife on the night of March 3, as a sequel to which she left the bedroom and went to another room occupied by her sisters.

Defendant followed, and an altercation took place between defendant, his wife and his sisters-in-law. One of the sisters-in-law left the house and went to the Wanchai police station.

"Defendant then commenced searching for the missing sister-in-law whom he threatened to kill. His wife followed him into the restaurant, where he suddenly turned on her and accused her of keeping her sister out of the way. He seized his wife by the throat and stabbed her."

The wife collapsed and was taken to the Japanese hospital in Wanchai, from where she was removed to the Queen Mary Hospital. (Proceeding.)

More Devastation In Turkey

ISTANBUL, April 4 (Reuter).—Violent earthquake shocks have been felt in northern Anatolia, according to a despatch from Ankara. The shocks were accompanied by unprecedented floods in the Amassia region.

It is feared that a number of lives have already been lost, and considerable damage is believed to have been caused to the area affected.

BIG BATTLE IN PROGRESS?

OLSO, April 4 (Reuter).—The sound of gunfire has been audible all day off Bergen.

The impression prevails that rather serious fighting has been in progress.

The Military authorities have issued a communique regarding the German machine which landed on Norwegian territory yesterday. It states that when the machine was met by a Norwegian seaplane, the Nazi pilot declared that he had had engine trouble and was asked whether he could land. He was told to land at the Sola airport (Stavanger) but landed half a mile away. He then set fire to his machine. The Nazi crew were later interned.

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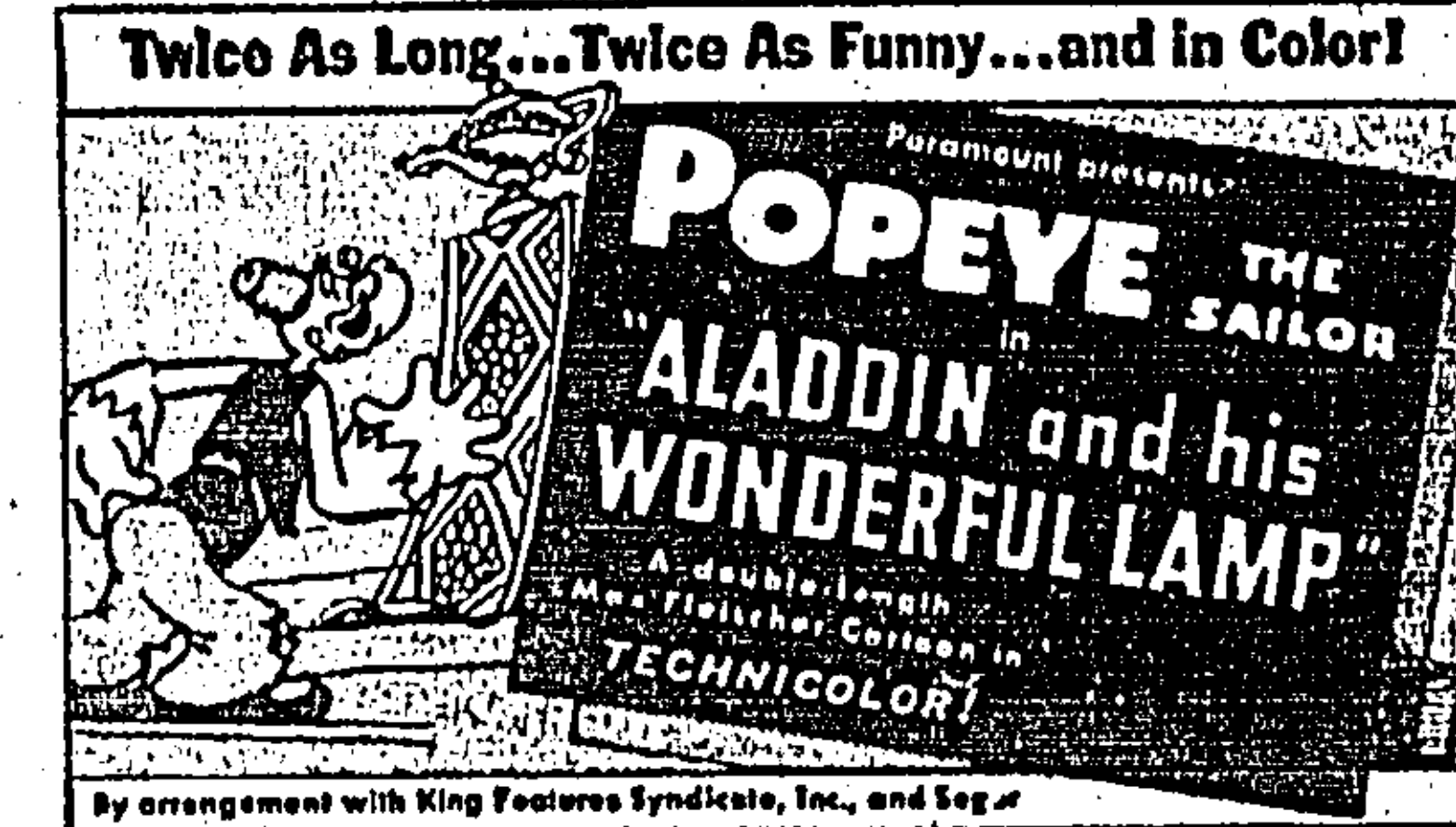
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